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Sun shines for photo-finish polling

Voters prefer coalition if hung election

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

WITH early indications from yesterday's polling supporting expectations of a hung parliament, a new survey has confirmed that Britons would rather see a coalition between two or more parties than have one of the main parties forming a minority government.

In an eve of election poll for The Times, Mori asked electors: "In principle would you prefer a minority government in which no single party has a majority of seats in the House of Commons, even if this means an early general election, or would you prefer to see a coalition government?"

Nearly half of those asked, 45 per cent, said they would prefer coalition government and only 39 per cent said they would prefer minority government. The public appears to be rejecting the stance of the two main party leaders. Both John Major and Neil Kinnock have said that they would not attempt to form a coalition if there were a hung parliament and they have indicated that they would at-

INSIDE

Black Sea

fleet truce

Russia and Ukraine backed

off from each other in their

dispute over the Black Sea fleet with Presidents Yeltsin

and Kravchuk both sus-

pending decrees claiming

control of the fleet. In Mos-

cow, members of the Rus-

strip Mr Yeltsin of some of



tempt to govern on their own. bringing the likelihood of another early election.

But Paddy Ashdown, for the Liberal Democrats, has argued that if the voters present the nation with a hung parliament today, it would be arrogant for either of the two main parties to seek to govern on less than 40 per cent of the national vote.

The Mori survey, conducted among 1,731 adults in 164 constituencies on Tuesday and Wednesday, also asked electors what they would prefer Mr Ashdown and the Liberal Democrats to do in a hung parliament. Feelings were fairly evenly split. While 36 per cent of respondents thought that Mr Ashdown and his party should vote with the Conservatives to keep them in power, 38 per cent thought they should vote with Labour to put them into government.

Checks by party workers at polling stations and heavy election betting yesterday confirmed the likelihood of a close result when the full seats tally is known later today.

Mr Major, arriving to vote in his Huntingdon constitu-ency with his wife Norma, declared confidently: "I'm feeling lucky. We are going to win," he said. "I've said so consistently from the beginning of the campaign. I'm not going to change my mind

Mr Kinnock and his wife, Glenys, cast their votes at St Augustine's church hall in the village of Pontllanfraith.

which lies in his Islwyn, South Wales, constituency. "The sun is out," he said. "So are the Tories. I think we are in a very good position to win." He admitted that he was slightly nervous but said that was only natural on poli-

ing day.

Mr Ashdown, the first of the three party leaders to vote, walked to the local Nortonsub Hamdon polling station in his Yeovil constituency with his wife Jane at 8am, "It's been a great campaign, it's ending with wonderful weather," he said.

During the morning the

Ashdowns visited other Somerset polling stations at the Yeovil Sports Club and Manor Court primary school in Chard. They returned home at midday for lunch and a chance to catch up on sleep after what has been a particularly arduous campaign for the Liberal Democrat leader, who is estimated to have travelled 25,000 miles during the past month. Last night they left their cottage at about 11.30pm to drive to Westland Sports and Social Club in Yeovil to await the declaration of Mr Ashdown's constit-

The latest Mori survey also asked voters who they thought would make the best prime minister. The research showed that 38 per cent pre-ferred Mr Major, 27 per cent named Mr Kinnock and 20 per cent Mr Ashdown. While among Conservative supporters 88 per cent thought Mr Major was the best man for the job, only 66 per cent of Labour supporters thought Mr Kinnock would make the best prime minister and just 58 per cent of Liberal Demo-crat backers thought Mr Ashdown would be the best

uency result.

Both Mr Major's and Mr Ashdown's personal popular-ity fell by two points during the four-week campaign. while Mr Kinnock remained on the same figure. Eight per cent of Labour supporters think that Mr Major would be the best prime minister and 6 per cent of them believe Continued on page 20, col 3

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Polls apart: on a sunshine election day John Major looks for last-minute signs of victory in the garden of a house at Alconbury which is used as local Conservative campaign headquarters, and Neil Kinnock hails what he hopes will be a Labour dawn after voting at a church hall in Pontllanfraith

PHOTOGRAPHS: TIM BISHOP, CHRIS HARRIS TOMORROW IN An instant guide to the ted biographies of the winners, making it the best immediately-available guide to the new House of Commons.

Commons Tomorrow. The Times publishes a 16-page sup-plement giving complete seat-by-seat results of the general election. The supolement lists all candidates, the votes they won and the swings they registered. It also contains pot-

A new feature in this year's supplement is a full colour map of the country, showing at a glance which party won what seats where. Bob Worcester of Mori will also give his full analysis of how the votes moved: North and South, young and old, women and

The Times supplement is only one part of the com-prehensive coverage planned for tomorrow, which will include campaign facts and figures; analysis of what happens next, and feat and triumph: a vital issue for the vital issues.

London gambles on Tories

By RODNEY HOBSON

SHARES surged in London as investors gambled that increased support for the Conservatives in the last opinion polls of the campaign would translate into a Tory victory. About £8.6 billion was add-

ed to share values as the FT-SE top 100 index soared 42 points to close at its best level of the day. It was the biggest one-day rise this year.

Privatised stocks led the way with Northern Electricity up 18p to 258p and most water stocks at least 10p better. The pound was firm as prospects of an interest rate

In Tokyo, the Nikkei average fell heavily, by 577.38 points to 16,598.15, sending shock waves through the fi-nancial community. In New York, the Dow Jones average was 40 points ahead by mid-

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Windfall lost THE Church of England and St Bartholomew's hospital, London, lost the multi-million pound windfall they were expecting from the King's Cross redevelopment when the Court of Appeal overturned a ruling that they had a right to buy back 52 acres at 1850s

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Fewer than one in ten doctors knows how to use a thermometer properly, ac-Surrey GPs. Few used a thermometer at all, and those that did admitted they did not always clean it properly

Delors angry

Jacques Delors is complaining that EC ministers are failing to discuss seriously a higger Community budget and that nobody has considered how an expanded EC might function Page 14

Trips threat

School trips abroad and town rwinning exchanges could be threatened by an EC directive which will require organisers to put down a bond to protect erators do

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Tsongas throws in nomination towel

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PAUL Tsongas will not reenter the race for the Democratic party's presidential nomination in spite of win-ning an unsolicited 29 per cent of the New York primary vote on Tuesday.

The former senator's decision, announced in Boston yesterday, means that Bill Clinton, governor of Arkan-sas, is assured of the most valuable Democratic nomination since Watergate — barring new disclosures about his past.

Jerry Brown, the former California governor, has been sidelined by his poor performances in Tuesday's four primaries. Both the Clinton camp and Ron Brown, the party chairman, are now striving to rally a still-nervous party establishment behind the presumptive nominee so that the Democrats' fire can be trained on President Bush

as early as possible.

Mr Tsongas said he would have re-entered the race had Mr Brown won primaries on Tuesday, but Mr Clinton's victories limited him to the role of "spoiler". He urged his supporters to cease their efforts on his behalf, but declined to endorse Mr Clinton or to say if he would consider being his running mate.

Clinton bandwagon, page 15 reach its verdict.

Noriega guilty on 8 counts

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MANUEL Noriega was con-victed yesterday of eight out of ten drug and racketeering charges that led to America's invasion of Panama in 1989. The former Panamanian leader was found guilty of the key counts of racketeering and racketeering conspiracy. plus six lesser charges. He was acquitted of two lesser

and conspiracy to import The federal court trial in Miami lasted seven months, during which the government lawyers painstakingly built their case against a head of state who they branded "a small man in a general's

uniform". The jury took five days to

Millionaire farmer found murdered

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A WEALTHY farmer has been found dead in a hollow on his land near Salisbury. He had been shot twice in the

Detectives believe an earlier mysterious knife attack on Peter Jowett, aged 43, in his home at Winterslow four months ago could be linked with the murder. Mr Jowett needed surgery for stab wounds but did not call the police and and three weeks charges, cocaine distribution later asked them to call off

their investigation. Detectives are also investigating the millionaire's social and private life. Mr Jowett, married with two children, was found by police lying in a copse on the edge of his 900acre farm.

His car had been left parked on a grass verge on the A30 nearby. He disap-

peared while in charge of lambing on his farm and his absence was not noted until one of his staff came to relieve him on Wednesday night and

could not find him. Yesterday police searched the area around where the body was found and last night discovered a gun incorporated in a booby-trap device, believed to be the murder weapon.

In the village Mr Jowett was described as "a ladies" man" and one theory was that the attacks were motivat-

ed by jealousy.
Police said that Mr Jowett,
described by neighbours as a
pleasant and quiet man, had not reported any threats to his life nor were police aware of any threats.

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"As far as I'm concerned we've always had Home Rule.

Never turn up without a bottle of Whyte & Mackay."

RORY McGREGOR



Punters bet £7m on race for Downing Street

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PITY the poor punter in South Africa who telephoned William Hill on Wednesday with a £10,000 bet on Labour taking the most seats at 3-1 on. He was much too hasty; had he waited until yesterday morning to catch the last-minute change in the wind, he would have increased his potential winnings from £3,000 to £8,000 as the odds drifted away from Labour and back to a neck-and-neck

With the final opinion polls show-ing a modest Tory revival, the big bookmakers eventually closed the book at 5pm yesterday afternoon quoting identical odds of 6-5 on Labour or Conservatives forming the largest single party, although a hung parliament remained the most fa-voured outcome at odds of 5-2 on. There had been a brief raily to Labour

in mid-afternoon, taking them to 11-8 on favourites with the Tories trailing at even money, but it did not last. Bookmakers are entirely non-political animals; they merely rake in the loot. Odds reflect only one thing: the amount of money placed on any par-ticular outcome. The amount placed

thing of a record. In 1987 the book was closed well before the end of campaigning, so cut-and-dried did the result appear, but yesterday — for the first time the bookies were taking election bets on polling day, and of the cascade of money showering across the counters, three quarters of it was on the Tories. The tide turned after

this time appears to have been some-

lunch, with a late surge to Labour.

Election fever has gripped the punting classes as never before, and the industry estimated that by the time it closed the book last night it has put £6,000 on the northern king-

had taken more than 57 million. Takings have been pushed up by the wide range of tempting bets on offer from an industry struggling to main-tain its traditional income from horse racing. The big chains have been offering odds on the outcome in 100 individual constituencies.

Bets poured in to Britain's three big bookmaking chains from all corners of the globe, and even Brighton, from where one customer placed £18,000 on Labour being the largest single party. The bookmakers briefly caught their breath, until an account customer in Hong Kong, where gambling is such an endemic disease that the World Health Organisation does not even bother to monitor it, wagered £10,000 on a Tory win. An optimistic Scot from north of Berwick, where the Tories have faced virtual annihilation for several years, dom's least favoured party ending up with the most seats at Westminster. the sporran has always taken precedence over the heart.

By midday yesterday Glenda Jackson had become almost unbackable in Hampstead, at odds of 9-1 on. But some customers were still prepared to invest fortunes to win peanuts. One punter in Southend invested £11,000 in Ms Jackson. Chris Patten, who started at even money to hold Bath, had drifted out to 6-5 against by yesterday morning as his hopes seemed to diminish. Yet most of the day's money was clearly on the Tories, and one major chain took no less than £30,000 of it in the first 30 minutes of business.

But the fickle jade of fate has taken several turns in the last 24 hours. Labour were leading up to Wednes-

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Home thoughts from sidewalk, boulevard and Kenya's surf set



back to cast her vote

political trends tend to follow those in Britain (Martin Fletcher writes). That may explain the eagerness of White House staffers to attend last night's election party at the British embassy. Those with invitations were said to be distributing photocopies to those without.

It's become the hottest ticket in town," one observer said. Some 300 guests were expected, not in the ambassador's magnificent Lutyens residence on Massachusetts Avenue, but in the rather more prosaic modern office block next door. Congressmen, journalists and the capital's ubiquitous "senior administration officials" were coming, and as late as yesterday morning congressional aides were ringing to ask for tickets. Some thought was given to invit-

ing Margaret Thatcher, who was rounding off an American speaking tour, but she was hurrying back to Britain to vote. Thanks to the time difference.

Seen from abroad, the election has a different perspective. Times correspondents report on the British communities in three capitals

Washington's British press corps - at least those not hired as temporary pundits by American television stations — was savouring the prospect of watching the results in mid-evening for a change and not during the small hours of

The embassy's press office, the official hosts, had arranged to pluck ITN's coverage off a passing satellite and set up a scoreboard to keep a running tally. It also set up telephone lines to field queries from the American media about what promised, in the event of a hung parliament, to be a very confusing evening. The embassy, of course, is strictly non-partisan. In New York, both the BBC and the British Information Service were hosting parties. The BIS was

also plucking coverage off satellite via the Rockefeller Center for the 300 guests, mostly media, that it planned to feed with pork pies, veal and ham pies, Branston pickle and pickled onions. It had also prepared detailed information packs on British electoral peculiarities. "I have been boning up all month," Mike Home, the BIS director, said.

Ex-pats across America could watch the results come in. They were being carried live all evening by the C-Span network, which gave extensive coverage to the campaign, and by 23 Public Broadcasting Service stations in most major cities.
"A number of us will be sitting

anxiously awaiting the outcome," said Barry New, president of the

British American Business Association, which will shortly be giving a lunch for American businessmen to explain implications of the

FRANCE: Election night in Paris led the select few, more simply the lucky, to the magnificent surroundings of Her Britannic Majesty's spacious embassy on Faubourg St Honoré (a correspondent writes).

As veterans of the Parisian social scene know well, the hospitality offered by Sir Ewen and Lady Fergusson is second to none, with a refreshing absence of the heavy formality encountered elsewhere on the diplomatic circuit. What is more, the resident British press corps can always rely on a splendid aledonian welcome (HM's embassies elsewhere, please note).

With buffet and bar to hand and a home-made swingometer in the wings, not to mention the services of Radio 4 and BBC Television via cable - installed in the nick of

time - the scene was set for a a dramatic denouement around midnight in Paris, which is an hour ahead of London.

Embassy staff had bought their tickets in the election sweepstake six weeks ago and no adjustments were permitted. Wild horses could not extract further details about who had drawn what.

Blow-ups of the colour election charts from The Times adorned the historic walls of the embassy. Honesty obliges one to note that other newspapers were also repre-sented. Elsehere in Paris, the local branch of the Conservative party was preparing to celebrate/drown sorrows at a hotel, the local Labour party was looking forward to a jolly knees-up and the Liberal Democrats had switched on their answering machine.

☐ KENYA: The prospect of a Labour victory drove the expatriate community in Kenya, traditionally more interested in surfing and safaris than the affairs of the home

MARC ASPLAND

country, to even greater lengths of apathy (Sam Kiley writes).

Unlike other parts of the world where Britons away from home sat glued to the BBC World Service to find out whether 13 years of Conservative rule had come to an end, expatriates in Kenya seemed hardly aware that Britain was in the midst of a political spasm.

In the exclusive Muthaiga suburb, home of the British High Commission Residence and the infamous Muthaiga Club, Nairobi's expatriate elite attended a party not in celebration or mourning of the election, but to say farewell to a junior diplomat leav-

ing the foreign service.

The prospect of a Labour victory has driven Britons in Kenya further into their shells than ever before," one seasoned observer said. "I doubt they would have taken much interest if the Conser-vatives had looked like winning, but they are now affecting a look of

Democracy has a day of ups and downs

Poll refugees find sanctuary on Lundy

By Lin Jenkins and Louise Hidalgo

THE emotions of a tough campaign were still evident at the polling stations as the nation voted yesterday. Some party supporters tried foul means to influence the outcome: others complained of seemingly innocent factors that could affect the vote.

In Brighton a verger was arrested after complaints that voters were being bribed, and in Bath an offer of free drinks if Chris Patten lost was abandoned for the same reason. Two polling stations that happened to be painted in one party's colours had to be covered in brown paper.

Few places escaped the lastminute loud-hailer appeals on behalf of candidates. The island of Lundy in the Bristol Channel was one, attracting an unexpected influx of bird watchers who enjoyed the island's detachment from the election, since it has no polling station and radios and until Sunday. The bird Labour posters. Winston

THERE'S something pathetic about the end of the elec-

tion campaign. Everything

has been argued ad nause-

am, and the two main con-

tenders have devoted their greatest efforts to damage-

limitation and putting on a

facade of self-confidence.

What's missing is a message: like the rest of western Eur-

ope. Britain has gone the

American way, where style

long ago became more im-

Without being a cold war nostalgic. I begin to miss the

good old days of ideological

warfare and competing vi-

Consensus politics has be-

come the cant phrase across

Europe. Hence, the protest

vote that has shaken the political establishment in recent

elections in France, Italy and

Germany. Britain is no long-

er an island, and if John

Major loses, he can blame

Consensus politics, it

seems, has gone a long way in

Britain. Labour has made

dramatic efforts to look re-

speciable, dropping the most

radical aspects of its policies.

Few reds now lurk under Neil

Kinnock's bed, although

some Conservative newspa-

pers tried to make him look

like Lenin. It is hard, howev-

er, to avoid comparison with

the French Socialists, who have travelled the same path,

losing their soul on the way, if

The real red. I hear, is Mr

Major, now the only Europe-

an politician calling for a

classless society, a real chall-

enge for the prime minister of

the most class-conscious Eu-

they ever had one.

portant than substance.

sions of the world.

watchers, of course, maintained that the attraction was really a murrelet, a tiny bird from the Pacific Ocean, mak-

ing only its second appear-ance in Europe. The verger in Brighton was arrested after allegations that oters were being offered £7.50 to vote Labour with stolen polling cards. He was questioned and freed on police bail.

Campaigners against the business rate in Bath cancelled publicised plans to give a free glass of buck's fizz to each customer at a local club if Mr Patten, the Conservative party chairman, lost his seat in the closely fought contest. Phil Andrews, owner of Mole's nightclub, said: "We were told that we could be charged with infringing elec-

In Lincoln Tories complained when two portable cabins to be used as polling television sets have been stations arrived painted red banned from visitors' rooms and yellow, the colours of

ropean country. His attempts to look socialist while Mr

Kinnock was trying to recon-cile himself with the market

economy have narrowed the

political spectrum, making

one wonder what the voters

It was therefore puzzling to

see Margaret Thatcher on

stage to back her successor.

Her discreet smile at the pub-

lic rally she held with John

Major said it all. There was

an air of defiance about her

as she stood before those who

Bringing Mrs T into the

is largely absent, or, even

worse, has fed a protest vote

against the main parties. The

issue, it seems, is thought too

dangerous, even for Labour,

which now seems ashamed of

in an undecided voter's shoes:

how did he choose between

smiling John and smiling

Neil? As the slogan went in a

previous US election: where's

the beef, or, as we French

might say about English poli-

ticians, où est le rosbif?

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Bland battle left

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So much electoral style, so little substance,

laments Pierre Haski, London bureau

chief of the French daily Liberation

Crumblehulme, a councillor, said: "I was horrified. The cabins could have had a real influence on people." The council wrapped the cabins in brown paper to provide political anonymity. Chris Keywood, deputy returning officer, said that no colour had been specified when they

were ordered
All manner of buildings were used as polling stations.
One couple who allowed their home, Copley Hall, in Howick, Northumberland, to be used for polling found that they were not eligible to cast their vote there, but had to travel three miles to a neighbouring ward. David and Christine Jackson now want the boundary changed.
Voters in Bishopsworth,

Bristol, had the most unconventional polling station after vandals super-glued the doors of the building that was to have been used. Janet Redman, the presiding of-ficer, stuck the polling station sticker on her Morris Ital vindscreen and put the ballot

boxes in the boot.

About 60 people cast their vote before the building doors skittle alley of the Ship and Parrot served as the venue. A couple from West Dray-

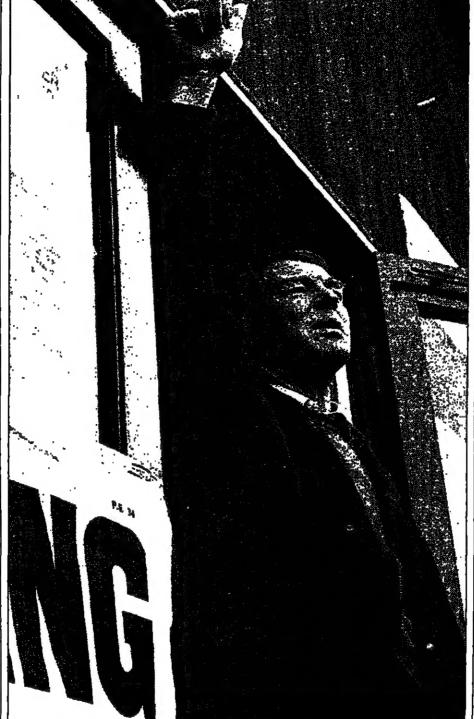
ton, west London, failed yesterday in their High Court attempt to force the council to include them on the electoral role so that they could vote. Steve and Jacqueline Cripps realised only last week that

they had forgotten to register. Mr Justice Schiemann ruled that the law did not allow for last minute changes to the register. Mrs Cripps said that the case had cost them £500.

A group of people in Fenny Drayton, Warwickshire, and another group in Featherstone, near Castleford, Yorkshire, discovered yesterday that they had been disfran-chised. Those in Fenny Drayton had planned to take a case to the High Court since they blame the local council. but yesterday abandoned the

campaign did not add much to discussion of European isaction because of cost. The residents of a new essues. John Major came out of Maastricht with an ideal postate of 32 homes were left with no vote after Wakefield ition, appeasing anti-EC council admitted that it had made a mistake and missed it any door on the EC. No one. off the electoral roll. The in Brussels or in the financial world, believes Britain will council said: "The development is tucked away behind stay outside a single currency. Europe would make inter-esting election debate, but for shops and was unfortunately missed when forms were

obvious reasons it's an issue The Royal Mail is holding that Mr Major has largely an enquiry after 20,000 pollducked. European integraing cards were not delivered tion should be a big issue in French. British or Italian by last Thursday's deadline. elections. In each country, it



Action stations: Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, after rising early yesterday to cast his vote at Norton sub Hamdon, near Yeovil

Adding up a costly contest

BY ALAN HAMILTON

have noticed full-page adver-

tisements from a number of

unions backing the Labour

cause, including Nalgo, the

THERE is nothing like an election for stimulating a stagnant economy and put-ting money into circulation. The cost of yesterday's exercise in democracy is estim-ated at £100 million, with the taxpayer the loser and the media the main beneficiary.

Public funds pay for the machinery of election. The provision of facilities and staff n polling stations from Shetegions of polling clerks and tellers paid a day's labour, is estimated to have cost about Of the main parties, the

NUT and the Inland Reve-Tories appear to have run the costliest campaign, and a fig-ure of £20 million was sugnue Staff Federation. One of the most successful gested yesterday, compared

advertisers has been the In-ternational Federation for Animal Welfare, which has spent £750,000 on newswith £8 million spent by Lab-our and £1.5 million by the Liberal Democrats. paper space, bringing 60,000 requests for its infor-mation pack, it says. Although the media has The Tory campaign was, as ever, funded largely by big business; Labour relied on the covert support of the trade unions, who it is estimated met three quarters of their party's campaign costs. Readers of The Times will

raked in large extra sums as a result of election campaigns, it has spent heavily too. Tele-vision, radio and newspapers have spent an estaimted £10 million on election coverage, much of it on commissioning

VOX POP By Peter Barnard

A whiff of scandal brings rude awakening

YOU did your duty last night and now you are sitting on the train to work. You are enfeebled by lack of sleep and think you may have over-dosed on Dimbleby or Day.

A man sitting opposite is looking disturbingly chipper, so much so that he wants to

"Did you see it?" "God, yes, stayed up all ..."
"Marvellous girl, eh? Well both of 'em, really. You can see how Profumo . . . " You rub your eyes. You

search the memory. You can recall a swingometer, you can summon at least 200 returning officers, you can describe Peter Snow's tie and remember when he loosened it. But a girl? He is talking again.
"Couldn't decide whether

to watch it and record Have I Got News For You or the other way around. In the end flicked between the channels. Sex and satire, marvellous Sex and satire? You

wouldn't put it quite like that. A woman in the corner seat pipes up. "Once Bitten" she says. "Unmissable."-"Sorry?"

on Sky. Female vampire recruiting male virgins, amazing. So was . . ." Very briefly indeed, an

image of Margaret Thatcher naming a new cabinet crosses your mind.

"... Trapped, woman stuck in office building with crazed killer. Also The Freaks. which preceded Trapped Once Bitten. Watched all three, marvellous."

By now your mental health is endangered. You have not yet worked out the bit about girls and Profumo, let alone the male virgins and the crazed killer. So you say: "Those girls, yes, a damned nuisance. I missed it, you know ... had to, um, pop

out."
The man looks as if he is about to pass you over for promotion. "Scandal." he says. "Channel Four last night. All about Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies and Stephen Ward and John Profumo, terrific stuff. Of course in those days politics had a bit of zip

At last the penny drops. The prognosis for the rest of your career looms, and it does

not look good.
You have committed the cardinal sin. You have stepped on to the commuter train having failed to see any-thing worth talking about on television last night,

Wife of candidate dies after 999 call

The wife of a Labour candiattack yesterday morning. Chitra Viswanadha, aged 35, rang an ambulance at 11.40am but collapsed while on the telephone. She was taken to Whittington hospital, north London, where her death was certified.

Her husband, Martin Upham, aged 45, was con-testing Enfield North, held in 1987 by Tim Eggar, junior education minister, with a majority of 14,000. Mr Upham was at Labour's campaign headquarters when he was told the news.

It is understood that he returned home to Hornsey, north London, to comfort his two young daughters. Mr Upham, a freelance writer and lecturer, was not expect-ed at the constituency count.

Postal voters counted out

More than 200 sick and elderly people were deprived of a vote yesterday when a mailbag containing requests for postal and proxy votes was delivered to Camden town hall, north London, after the legal time limit.

The bag is believed to have lain forgotten at St Pancras Way sorting office, a mile from its destination. Labour, which has a large majority in Camden, realised the mistake when the final voting register was published last week. The Post Office is to investigate after a complaint by the acting returning officer.

Ambridge agog for poll result

Whoever is called to Buckingham Palace to form the new government will receive a mention in tonight's episode of The Archers, even though the show was taped six weeks

Scriptwriters and stars of the BBC tale of country folk are on stand-by to record a "topical insert". A spokesman

"It's a real rush job. We only do this very, very rarely. The last was for Terry Waite's release. If the topic is of such importance that the whole country is talking about it, then Ambridge will be too."

CORRECTION

Due to a computer error, a number of the figures given for the size of constituency electorates in 1992 in yester-day's election guide to seats and candidates were incorrect. The correct figures will be included in the full 16page results supplement to be published in tomorrow's Times.

All-too-cosy conspiracy shows contempt for voter

NOT many days ago, a coachload of photographers and journalists drew up at a school. So did Mr Kinnock Mr Kinnock got out of his car. The photographers climbed out of their coach. The children came out of their classrooms.

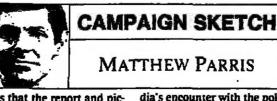
Mr Kinnock stood among the children. The photographers

formed a ring around the ensem-ble. He smiled at them and the children smiled back. The photographers took photographs.

Then a man said: "Back into the coach" and the photographers obeyed. Mr Kinnock returned to

his car and drove off. The coach drove off. They were going to another school. And the question arises: Why?
When I was very young politicians would tour around meeting voters. The voters were the object

of this exercise: the aim was to attract their support by calling in person. Reporters and photogra-phers were a nuisance and either excluded from these occasions, or tolerated, under protest, in small numbers. But it soon occurred to



politicians that the report and pictures of their tours reached more voters than the tours themselves. The media began to be welcomed. Next, the politicians realised that, if part of the object of the tour

was to achieve media coverage, then it should be planned with the media in mind. Notice was given. and party aides began making arrangements for the convenience not just of the politicians and the electors, but of the media too. It was not long before tours were chosen as much for their interest to the cameramen as for the impact they would make on the places and

people visited.

The next chapter in this unfolding story describes the stage we have reached now. The voter has become an intrusion upon the me-

dia's encounter with the politician. The voter is in the way. Party leaders attract large numbers of photographers and reporters, and take with them a growing party of aides. campaign co-ordinators, spin doctors and security personnel. There is hardly room left in the average school hall, factory forecourt or in-tensive care ward for children, workers or casualties.

Besides, real conversation with such people has become impossible before so vast and intimidating an audience. The technical paraphernalia that now accompany a recording and photographic team are awesome, and frightening to ordinary people. Schools, factories and hospitals are not really designed with the lighting and sound requirements of the media in mind.

Batteries run out and there may be no sockets for plugs. Harsh lights may hurt sick patients, and extraneous background noise - of teachers teaching, lathes turning, or patients groaning — may inter-rupt the political message. Yet, however token, the presence

of some apparently real people in apparently real situations is a necessary component in television or newspaper drama. The viewer requires it. The dilemma is acute. The dilemma can be resolved. I

have a modest proposal for the next election. Why not use actors? Why move large numbers of media and political personnel to inconvenient locations around the country, when there are studios in London perfectly equipped to simulate them? Why does the limousine need to travel 400 miles up and down the motorway when a shot of Mr Kinnock stepping into it in London, and another shot of him getting out, with a sign "Welcome to Leeds" tacked onto the canvas backdrop behind him, will do? I grant that the idea takes a little

swallowing. Stills photographers remain truculent. But television is what matters and a video cameraman's professional ethos lies in the art of illusion. By way of example, let me leave you — and this cam-paign — with a question . . .

Did you see any of Mr Ashdown's town hall speeches on television, not a note before him, his head sweeping from left to right? You did? And did you ever see a camera, shot of the text scrolling across his two AutoQue glasses? Did you hack And do not acres that it is of heck. And do you agree that it is of legitimate interest to the voter that his apparently impromptu speaking style was a trick?
In television, as in politics,
things have to be contrived. It
breeds a loyalty to artifice. This

loyalty, unconsciously shared be-tween politicians and television producers, is a conspiracy against the citizen. If Mr Kinnock's famous stumble on the sand at Brighton were to occur today, there are TV producers who would mutter "Take 2" and ask him to try the walk again, this time without falling.

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Police enquiry focuses on murder victim's private life after body found dumped in field

Millionaire farmer shot in back

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

POLICE were last night investigating the private life of a murdered millionaire farmer who was shot twice in the back and left in a field on his farm near Salisbury,

Officers continued to search the area after finding "a device" on the 900-acre farm 40 yards from where Peter Jowett, aged 43, was found on Wednesday night. In November last year Mr

Jowett, a married man with two children, was the victim of an attack when an intruder broke into his home. He needed surgery for stab wounds but did not call the police and three weeks later asked them to call off their investigation into the inci-

Detective Chief Inspector David Sinclair, in charge of the investigation, said police were concentraing on the November stabbing, which only became known to them after it was reported by the hospital.

One theory in the village is that the two attacks could have been motivated by jeal-ousy. Asked if the farmer could be described as a "ladies' man" Mr Sindair said "I can't confirm or deny

RELATIVES of workers

killed or injured in the con-

struction industry have ap-

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aged 29, died when he fell

65ft working on the Canary

Wharf tower block in London's Docklands.

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blow to his fiancee, his moth-

er who was dependent on

him, and to me," Ms Reilly

said. "Two companies admit-ted negligence but they were

only fined £1,800 which was

The group has met Cardi-nal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, and asked

him to press their case with

government ministers, the

Health and Safety Executive,

the TUC and employers. Ms

Reilly said: "There should be

far more Health and Safety

inspectors and fines should be much higher to force com-

panies to take their responsi-

bilities seriously. In some cases, employers shown to

have been negligent should

Her views on managers'

responsibilities were supported by David Eves, deputy

director general of the executive, who yesterday told man-

agers that most fatal

accidents could be prevented

if more positive action had been taken. He told the Asso-

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"Stephen was engaged and

Angela Reilly, who helped

BY TIM JONES

that." Following the house attack Mr Jowett asked police to halt their investigations. Mr Sinclair said yesterday that this was "somewhat unusual" but

added that the police did halt their work and the farmer had not asked for any police help or protection. The detective said Mr Jowest, described by neighbours as a pleasant and quiet man, had not reported any threats

to his life nor were police aware of any threats. The attack at the farm took place at 1.30am and the intruder, wearing a balaclava, broke in by removing a pane of glass. He fled without taking anything.
The incident could, said Mr Sinclair, be the key to the murder investigation. The

detective who dealt with the attack is now part of the murder team. Yesterday police were also trying to piece together events in the last few hours of Mr Jowett's life and discover why he left his sheep during lambing, a crucial time in the farming year and drove his Volvo car to the edge of the farm.

He was last seen as 6.30pm on Wednesday. He had been dressed for

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Victim's car: Mr Jowett's blue Volvo estate, roped off by police yesterday. It was parked near the woods where his body was found

lambing, wearing a green wax jacket, green waterproof leggings and green wellingtons. In mid-evening a farm manager went to relieve him and discovered he had finished. The manager told Mr Jowett's wife Lavinia who called police.

A patrol car was in the area and as it headed for the farm police spotted the Volvo Es-

tate car parked on the verge of the A30. Police walked into the darkened woods running away from the road and found the farmer lying face down dressed in outdoor dothes for lambing.

Police are investigating whether Mr Jowett was called from lambing by a telephone call to meet someone away from the farm. The

Jowett family is well known locally and the dead man's parents Humphrey and Elizabeth have another large farm in a nearby village. They are on their yacht in the Caribbean and efforts are being made to contact them. The family is also understood to own land in Australia.

another field. The farm raises sheep and cattle, breed pheasants and grows wheat.

Yesterday the farm was guarded by police and neighbours spoke of their surprise at the death. But Edna Webb, a local postmistress, said the farmer had a reput-Earlier this year Mr Jowett ation as "something of a enlarged his land by taking ladies' man". She said he

might have been killed out of jealousy.

"He was real country farmer and a very good-look-ing chap. There have always been a lot of rumours about Mr Jowett I'm not surprised about this. It's his wife and children I feel sorry for. She's a little thing, very petite and quiet. She took the kids to

£6,000 race case offer 'rejected'

A black civil servant who claims to be the victim of racial discrimination has been offered an ex gratia payment of £6,000 by the Home Office as an out of court settlement after she took her case to an industrial tribunal.

Lorene Williams, aged 55, of Purley, Surrey, a clerical assistant in the prison department, alleges that she has been harassed for years and denied training and promoaccept the offer because it is conditional on her early retirement on medical grounds.

Police accused

A Metropolitan policewoman yesterday asked for victimisation to be added to her complaints of sexual harassment and racial discrimination. Sarah Locker, aged 30, who is of Turkish origin and was based at Leman Street police station, east London, claims that she was prevented from becoming a detective because of her race and sex. The hearing continues.

Souness well

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool football manager, is progressing well after his heart operation, the Alexandra Hospital in Cheadle. Cheshire, said. Health.

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MP case delay

An inquest at Liverpool coro-ner's court into the death in 1990 of Mike Carr. Labour MP for Bootle, soon after he left a hospital, has been adjourned while points of law are put to the High Court.

Church petitioned BA at fault for cockpit over danger sites emergency

BRITISH Airways maintenance procedures are criticised in a report on a near disaster in which a pilot was sucked through an aircraft windscreen.

"Organisations cannot as-sume that employees have the foresight of a prophet and the agility of an acrobat," he said. Managers and directors should assume they are dealing with an under-performing employee on an early shift on a foggy January morning on his first day back after the new year break with a head-ache." It was no longer acceptable to attribute the causes of accidents to human ingham airport in June 1990. error alone, as if such a state-

danation and demanded no further action. "Organisations must recognise that they need to consider human factors as a distinct element which must be assessed and managed effectively in the control of risk. This does not detract in any way from the need to give equal consideration to the technical factors. What is required is an integrated



Reilly: demanding more safety inspectors

Captain Tim Lancaster was saved only when crew members hung on to his legs and the co-pilot managed to land the BAC 1-11 without injury to the 81 passengers. An investigation found that a fitter had used the wrong bolts to secure the windscreen, which fell off at 17,000ft, 20 min-

In the report by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch, the Civil Aviation Authority is also criticised for failing to monitor BA's maintenance, and air traffic controllers who did not treat the emergency with the urgency it warranted. The Malagabound aircraft made an emergency landing at Southampion after the incident over Oxfordshire.

The report to Malcolm Rifkind, transport secretary, concludes: "The windscreen fitting process was characterised by a series of poor work practices, poor judgments and perceptual errors each one of which eroded the factors of safety built into the method of operation."

Mistakes made on an earlier installation were not spotted and old and new bolts were mismatched, says the report, which makes safety recommendations to prevent a repeat of the emergency.

The report says there was no back-up procedure. A final inspection would probably have detected the error, which was blamed on inade-

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Doctors take cool view of traditional thermometer

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE thermometer is one of nature and severity of a pathe family doctor's most traditional tools, yet nine out of ten do not know how to take a patient's temperature properly, according to a

The notion of medicine as an exact science, still fondly held by many patients, is questioned by the survey, published in the British Medical Journal. It shows that some general practitioners regard accurate measurement of a patient's temperature as a quainf practice of little importance, although others use it as a daily aid to diagnosis. Of the 113 GPs who re-

sponded to the survey. con-

ducted in Surrey, one in

seven never uses a ther-

mometer, and one in 12 does not have one. Conventional medical wisdom has it that the presence of a fever and its pattern and magnitude can give valuable clues to the

tient's illness. Yet this view is apparently shared by a minority of GPs.

Only one in five uses a thermometer more than twice a week. Fewer than one in ten keeps the instrument in place long enough to get an accurate reading. Glass thermometers containing mercury, the commonest type, take at least three minutes to stabilise but more than half the doctors allow only up to a

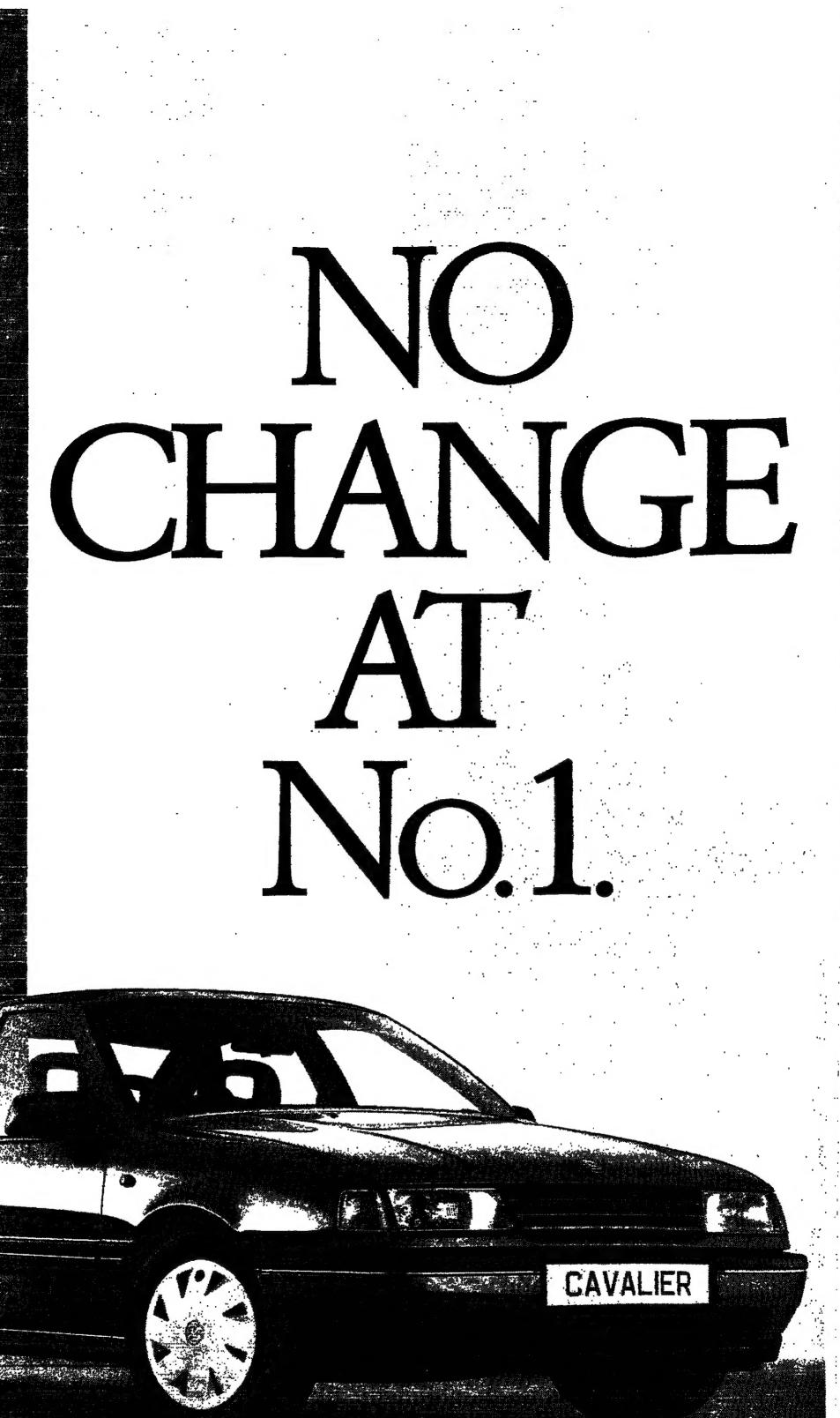
Not all appear to have the same aim in mind when popping the mercury bulb under the patient's tongue. Two confessed to using it as a way of keeping patients quiet. Two more use it as a delaying tactic to gain thinking time.

After removing a thermometer, the doctors are less fastidious than they could be, a third giving it only a quick rinse under the

tap. Six admitted that they never cleaned it in spite of the obvious risk of crossinfection when transferring it from mouth to mouth. The question of hygiene

may become pressing in the light of the journal's recommendation, in a leading article, that infants' temperatures be taken rectally, the routine practice in Europe. The method is more accurate than placing the ther-mometer in the armpit. which fails to detect fever in more than a quarter of cases when measured in hospital and up to three quarters when measured at home. The leader says that it is also less disturbing for the infant than having the arm pinioned to the trunk for

several minutes. Taking rectal temperatures, like some other continental practices, offends Angio-Saxon sensibility. but it's time for this prejudice to go," the journal concludes.



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Church and hospital lose multi-million King's Cross windfall

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England and St Bartholomew's hospital, London, yesterday lost a multi-million pound windfall expected from the proposed £4.5 billion redevelopment of King's Cross station, north

The Court of Appeal overturned a High Court judge's ruling two years ago that the hospital trustees and the Church Commissioners had a right to buy back from British Rail and National Carriers 52 acres of prime development land at 1850s prices.

The ruling, which may be challenged in the House of Lords, is a blow to the hospital and to the church. The latter would have used the money to raise clergy

stipends.
Sir Douglas Lovelock, the first church estates commissioner, said that the commissioners would consider the implications of the ruling. He added that those affected would be the clergy. "We are not talking here about an immediate source of income, but rather a stock of capital which, at the end of the day. might produce additional income for clergy stipends."

Andrew Campbell, solicitor to the special trustees of St Bartholomew's, said that the trustees were disappointed with the decision, and that they needed time to read it and to decide what to do. He was unable to give details about how the money might

have been spent. The land was compulsorily purchased under the Great Northern Railway Act 1846 peal "without regret". He to make way for train lines. In 1849 and 1850, Bart's was forced to surrender 43 acres, for which it was paid £53,250. The Church Commissioners sold nine acres, also under compulsory pur-chase powers. The land is part of a 125-acre site to the north of King's Cross station which has been earmarked for an ambitious development, including a Channel tunnel rail link terminus, offices, shops, 1.350 homes

and a 35-acre park. Under the High Court's buy-back ruling, Bart's and the church could have purchased the land at the original price of about £1,100 an acre and then sold it at enormous profit. However, their hones were dashed vesterday when Lords Justices Nourse, Taylor and Stuart-Smith allowed an appeal by the landowners, BR and National Carriers.

Lord Justice Nourse said that if the earlier decision had stood, the hospital and the church would receive "windfalls of vast proportions". It was true that the Great Northern Railway Act, under which the land was compul sorily purchased, gave a right to buy back at the initial price. However, that right had been repealed by subsequent legislation, either under The London and North Eastern Railway Act 1935 or the British Transport

Commission Act 1949. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said that he allowed the ap-



Global villager: Pukatire, chief of Pukanu village in Brazil, with Anita Roddick, head of The Body Shop, in London yesterday when he discussed selling the company Brazil nut oil under its Trade Not Aid scheme

Raid aims to halt fake Ford car parts

BY KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

INVESTIGATORS believe they have put an end to a counterfeiting ring trying to flood Britain with fake spare parts for the seven million Ford cars in the country. Ford last night warned drivers to beware of fake components that could prove dangerous.

Trading standards officers say they uncovered an operation to ship bogus parts made in Turkey, Brazil and Argentina to shops and distributors in Britain. They included brake, steering and electrical

Ford said: "Our best advice is to buy only Ford-approved parts from franchised dealers or through proper distribu-tors. With components involved in areas like brakes and suspension, motorists should not take a risk buying cheap components."

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'Sleeping' JPs agree to retrial

A bench of magistrates dismissed themselves from a trial yesterday after barristers for the defence claimed that two of them had fallen asleep. one in the morning and after-noon, and another in the afternoon. The Lord Chancellor has ordered an inves-

magistrate, and his colleagues Pamela Kings and Terence Dunn, stepped down at Hull magistrates court John Astbury, clerk to the justices, denied that two magistrates had fallen asleep but said they had agreed to a retrial because "justice had to be seen to be done".

Paul Williams, aged 28, and his brother Shaun, aged 24, both of Hull, who had denied public order offences, were granted conditional place on April 23.

Killer, 70, jailed

A man aged 70 was given two life sentences at the Old Bailey yesterday. Zdzislaw Kolsek was found guilty of the man-slaughter with diminished responsibility of his wife Marguerite, aged 70, and of the attempted murder of his stepson. Anthony Pollock, aged 51, who had tried to save his

Appeal fails

Danny Morrison, former Sinn Fein publicity director. lost an appeal against conviction and eight-year jail sen-tence for aiding and abetting the false imprisonment of an RUC informer.

Siege gun heralds war show

BY ALISON ROBERTS

A SHOT from a 17th century saker siege gun today will herald the opening of the English Civil War exhibition, the first touring display of arms and armour organised by the Royal Armouries based at

the Tower of London. sored by The Times, will open to the public tomor-row in Hull, where it will run until May 31. In late April 1642, Charles I was refused entry to the city and access to its arsens for use against the Parliamentarians. A letter to Charles I from Sir John king out, is on display out-side the Town Docks mu-

seum in Hull. The exhibition, which is travelling to four other key civil war sites, aims to show how the troops on both sides fought, and to dispel misconceptions about their arms and armour. Itpromises to be an exciting and educational part of the 350th anniversary celebrations.

The ornate armour worn by Charles I, known as "Gilt Charlie", will be on show. Other prize pieces from the Royal Armouries collection include 18ft pikes, described by the 17th century Irish mag-nate Roger Boyle, first Earl of Orrery, as "sharp to enter, and when entered, broad to wound with".

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Commissioners were told to pay two thirds of the other

side's legal costs. They were

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Lords, but can apply direct. BR and the developer, The

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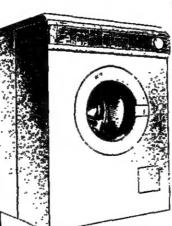
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Truth drug hastens Alzheimer cures

THE truth drug scopola-mine, much loved by thriller writers and used for prisoner interrogation during the second world war, is helping to test possible treatments for Alzheimer's disease.

It has the ability to create the classic symptoms of the brain destroying illness. Keith Wesnes told the annual conference of the British Psy-, chological Society at Scarbor-

Volunteers injected with the drug are given potential treatments for the disease and the effects on the symp-

Scopolamine brings on memory loss and lack of concentration and attention. Dr Wesnes, who works for the privately funded Cognitive drug research company in Reading, said the effects were similar to drunkeness without the euphoria.

The patient returned to normal six hours after the tests without side effects.

Some guinea pigs had taken seven doses without problems, he said. At least one drug, Tacrine, is undergoing clinical trials in the United

States as a result of tests

carried out with his methods. Dr Wesnes said the tests cost the drug companies a fraction of the time and expense of setting up trials with Alzheimer sufferers. Such analysis could take up to three years and cost £10 million. His test could be completed in three months much more

He first considered the possibility of scopolamine as a PhD student in the early Seventies, but only began working seriously with it four years

The drug is used today by doctors as an anaesthetic premedication and in travel sickness pills as it produces drowsiness. In larger quantities, as administered by Nazi interronovel The Guns of Navarone,

Squatters threaten It was worrying that girls buildings trust

BY MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

A TRUST which repairs historic buildings is expected to enter voluntary liquidation today. The troubles of the British Historic Buildings Trust began last November, when 18 houses being restored in Hanover Square, Bradford, were illegally

When the trust took on the 50 derelict houses of Hanover Square, originally rented mainly to wool merchants, many had no roofs, windows or floors. The trust put together a £2.7 million scheme, supported by more than £1.2 million of public money, to restore 33 listed houses.

Seven were sold on comple tion to former owners and two were bought by a housing association. Squatters occupied the next batch as they reached completion. The trust sought possession through Bradford county court but was unsuccessful.

occupants said that they believed they would not have to pay more than £30,000. The trust denies that any price was quoted in advance and cites the difficulty of obtaining the zero rating usually Bowed by Customs & Excise for large rehabilitation projects, to put them on the same basis as zero-rated new buildings.

pation were priced at up to

£51,000. Some of the former

A spokeswoman for the accountants Grant Thornton said that it had been instructed by the trust to review its financial position. Grant Thornton had advised that formal insolvency proceedings were necessary and a meeting had been called for today with a view to placing the trust in liquidation. She said: "The squatters in

Hanover Square were largely instrumental in bringing about the trust's current fi

it can result in euphoria and hallucinations.

Dr Wesnes said that the drugs tested so far using his method were not a cure-all for Alzheimer's disease, but would help delay the onser of its worst effects.

☐ Children as young as nine are worrying about their weight according to research carried out by psychologists at Leeds University. Their findings indicate that two out of three nine-year-olds are unhappy with their size.
Girls want to be thinner,

even to the point of serious dieting, and boys are looking to add more beef to their frames, says Andrew Hill, a psychologist with the academic psychiatric unit at the university.

In a paper to be delivered to the psychological society conference today, he says that their research indicates that nine-year-olds are under the same social pressures as ado-lescents and adults. "It has highlighted the early emer-gence of the perhaps unrealis-tic body weight preferences in

on the verge of the greatest physical development of their lives should wish to take their weight into the opposite direction to nature.

"Body shape discontents and attempts at change have long been recognised during adolescence," he says. "However, recent evidence suggests that these feelings and practices are filtering down to children in the early throes of pubertal development." People are becoming ob-

sessed with weight, he adds.
The psychologists surveyed
213 gins and 166 boys at three West Yorkshire middle schools. On average the girls wanted to be 15 per cent lighter while the boys wanted weight increases of 10 per cent. The boys' desire to be heavier was not for famess but for a more athletic and muscle build, Dr Hill says.

Children who wished they vere thinner said they were significantly more likely to refuse food, to try to eat less at meal times and to eat slimming foods.

Builders sued over 'shoddy' homes

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BY RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S fifth biggest house building company, Ideal Homes, is being sued by a group of London Docklands residents who claim that their homes are so shoddily built that it would be cheaper to demolish and rebuild them.

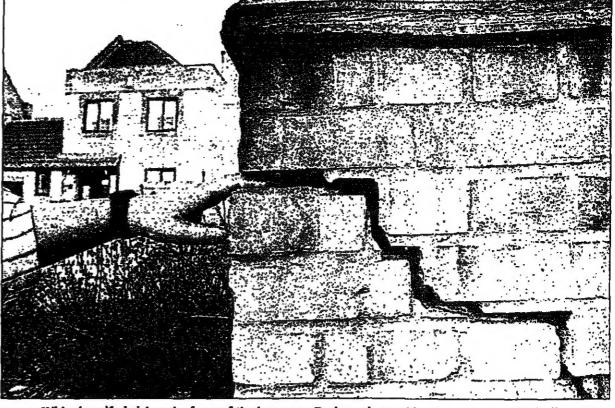
Residents of a new dev elopment of 24 homes in Beckton, east London, say that construction faults on their £120,000 homes in Toligate Mews are the latest example of badly built new

developments in Docklands. Tony Smith, chairman of the 40-strong Tollgate Mews residents' association, said: The main problem is that houses are subsiding. My doorstep is sinking and the drainpipes are coming away from the wali.

My patio was flat when I put it down. Now it looks like a roller-coaster." He says that similar problems are evident in other developments

in the area. Mr Smith criticised Ideal Homes over its dealings with residents' complaints about the development, which was built between 1985 and 1987. He said: "The company did not keep us informed of the fact that they had served a writ against the sub-contractors who carried out the foundation work.

"If you accept that the



Widening rift: brickwork of one of the houses at Beckton that residents say are shouldly built

problems are in the foundations, which we believe is the case, the only solution is to knock the houses down and start again. To repair the foundations would result in so much inconvenience that we would probably have to move out."

The residents' solicitor. Ian MacPherson of Nabarro Nathanson, said that Ideal Homes had been aware of the movement in the houses, which it had monitored, but that the company had re-fused to release details of its studies. Ideal Homes had failed to tell residents that it had issued proceedings against Westpile Ltd, the

sub-contractor that laid the concrete foundations in which the trouble appears to have started.

A spokesman for Ideal Homes, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House, said that the company was making a thorough investigation into the matter. "There is very little else I can sav.

The residents lodged a writ against the company in the High Court on March 16. The writ says that 24 homes have suffered from structural movement, settlement and water penetration. One gable wall collapsed two years ago lack of wall ties.

In their writ, the residents have so far spent more than also allege that the central £20,000. heating is inadequate and that the floors creak. Mr Smith said: "It's quite impossible to creep around up-stairs without waking

The residents say that Ideal Homes was negligent in failing to make the homes fit for habitation and failing to meet the requirements of the National House Building Council. They allege that the homes were not properly waterproofed at roof level. allowing water to leak in during last year's heavy snow

fall. They are funding the

legal action themselves and

Mr MacPherson said: This obviously affects the lives of ordinary people who can't move until this case is resolved. They are very worried about the future of their homes. We have therefore asked for the trial to be expe-

dited, but even so, it will take

at least 12 months." He added: "The residents are also concerned about the safety of some of the structural features of the development. One wall, for example. which is cracked, is near a public alley way and could collapse, hurring a passer-

Lost Fuseli drawings could bring engineer £500,000

THREE months ago a man walked into Christie's with an album of old drawings. Next week he could be up to

£500,000 richer after its contents are sold in London. The owner, a retired civil engineer living in London, did not know their value or history, according to Andrew Clayton-Payne, one of the firm's experts on water-colours, who examined the drawings at Christie's front counter in St James's. Mr Clayton-Payne found himself leafing through 58 previously unknown studies by Henry Fuseli (1741-1825), an idiosyncratic but influential Swiss artist working in England at the turn of the 19th

The album was acquired by the owner and his wife about 15 years ago from a coin dealer whose name they had forgonen. Fuseli's work is in great demand among museums and galleries in Switzer-land and in Britain. Mr Clayton-Payne said, "but this album seems to have slipped through the collecting net".

Martin Butlin, the firm's consultant, says in a catalogue foreword to the special sale on April 14 that it contains studies of full length figures and heads including those of his wife and other young girls "merging with his fantastically coiffeured hair".

If the background to the album is a mystery, the name of the compiler is inscribed er. Hariet Jane Moore was granddaughter of one of the painter's closest friends and patrons, Dr James Moore. Dr Moore was the surgeon Moore, the soldier who died



Detail of Fuseli study,

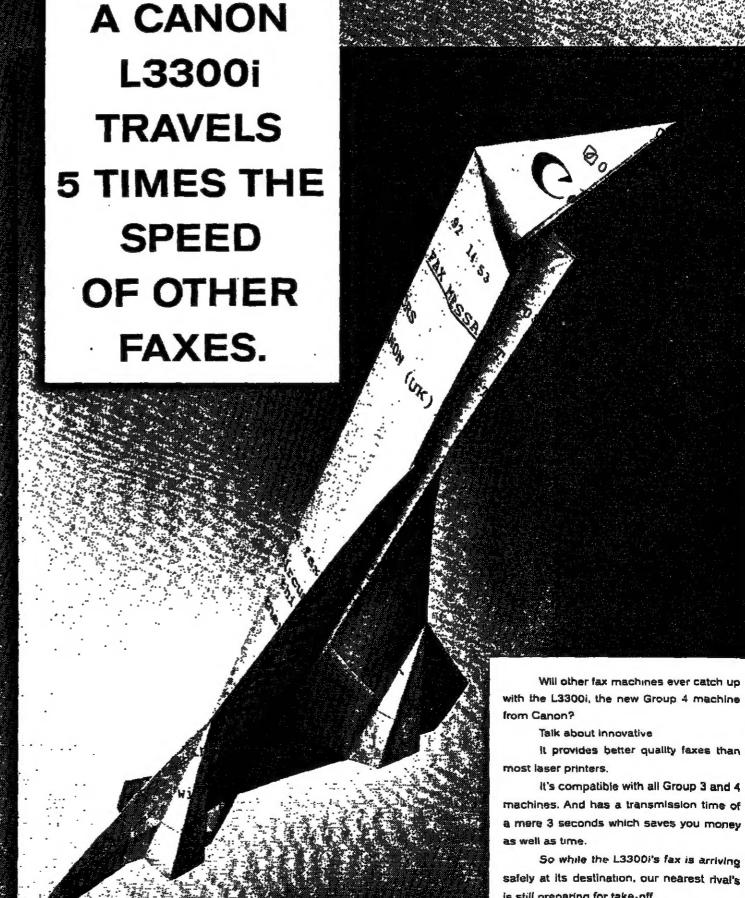
apparently knew from childdrawings by Fuseli: the Roman Album, now in the British Museum, and a second album containing work by other artists that was sold

at Christie's in 1973. find of a lifetime." Fuseli's father, a painter, forced him into the ministry

Fuseli seems to have had a soft spot for Hariet, whom he hood. He gave her drawings and after his death she acquired others from John Knowies, his executor and brother. She also owned the picture "Titania and Bottom" by Fuseli, which is now in the Tate Gallery. Hariet com-piled two other albums of

The new discovery has attracted considerable interna-tional interest. "We took it to Switzerland and the reaction there was fantastic," Mr Clayton-Payne said."We've also had a lot of enquiries from people in this country and from America. It is a major find as well as being interesting from an art historical point of view. I think it's the

to try to give him a secure life. but he had to flee after exposing a corrupt magistrate and finally arrived in London in



Severn otter revival halted

By CRAIG SETON

POLLUTION is thought to be responsible for halting the recolonisation by otters of rivers in lowland parts of the Midlands.

In recent years, offers have re-established themselves in the upper reaches of the Severn and some tributaries but the advance appears to have stopped in the middle reaches of the river. The National Rivers Authority and members of an otter project are conducting biological tests to dis-cover if chemical poliutants are killing the otters or making them infertile.

Paul Hoban, otter project officer for the area, said it was suspected that a cocktail of chemicals could be flowing into the Severn from the Stour, which passes through part of the West Midlands conurbation before joining the river at Stourport-on-Severn, Hereford and Worcester. It is thought the toxic material could include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are banned but could be

industrial waste sites. The otter project is one of ten being co-ordinated nationally by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation to help re-establish otters on rivers where they were

leaching into the water from

wiped out by pesticides, hunting and the destruction of their habitat. The rivers authority is helping to recreate riverbank habitats.

Mr Hoban said: "Pollution may be entering their food chain and killing them or making them intertile. They appear to be dropping into a black hole."

Biological samples would

be taken from eels, the otters' favourite food. He said it was possible other factors could be at work in preventing the spread of the animal, including lack of habitat and disturbances caused by recreational activities on is still preparing for take-off.

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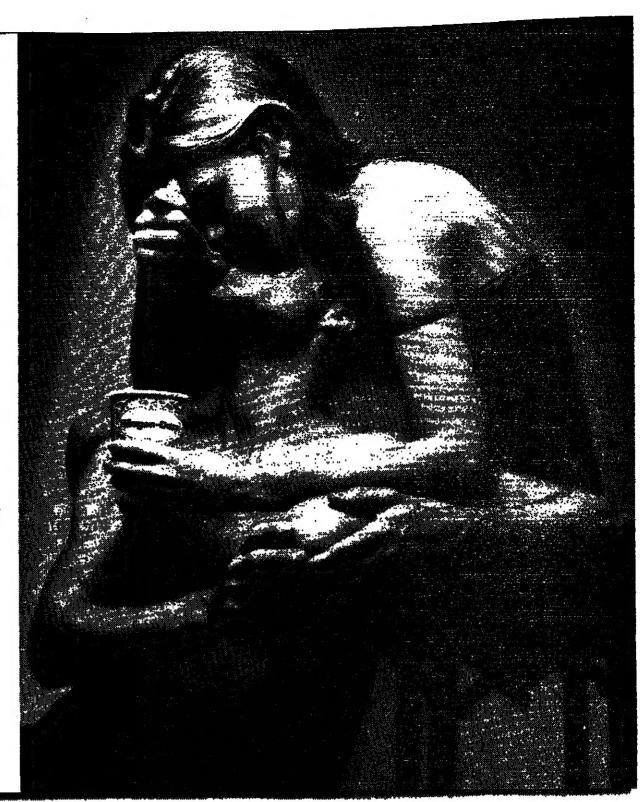
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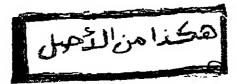


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Police chiefs back plan for bigger crime squads

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By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CHIEF constables have endorsed plans to reorganise the regional crime squad system in England and Wales to create a new network of five supersquads. They would cover the same geographical ar-eas as the local offices of the new national criminal intelligence service, which came into operation last week.

The regional crime squady cover all big crime investiga-tions including armed rob-bery, drug trafficking and serious fraud. They were set up more than 20 years ago to deal with the phenomenon of the travelling criminal using the motorway network to commit crime across the country. In recent years their

lands and the North-East. Police planners hope that

Children catch the pet bug

BY CRAIG SETON

ANOREXIC millipedes, lethargic praying mantis and off-colour spiders are becoming more common as people choose exotic invertebrates as pets. The British Small Ani-

mai Veterinary Associ-ation says that its 3,300 members are increasingly being asked to treat pet insects that include butter-flies stick insects, cock-roaches, tree crabs and crayfish. Sick worms, sea anemones, snails and spi-ders are also regular visi-tors to vets' sugeries. The association dis-

cussed the responsible ownership of invertebrates at its annual congress in Birmingham. Mary Brancker, president of the Veterinary Invertebrate Society, said one possible reason for the growth in insect ownership was because children found dogs and cats needed boarding during holidays, families could take their pet insect with them or ask a neighbour to check their

container temperature. Miss Brancker, a retired vet, added: "They will allow a person who normally looks after them to do things like picking them up that a stranger could not. You do get a rapport and it is more exciting to get a rapport with an

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brief has widened to include kidnapping and extortion Under the new plan the

present nine squads, which straddle force boundaries, would be reduced to five. One would cover the whole of the South-East from the Wash to the Channel and west as far as Dorset. Another squad would include the whole of the South-West and Wales up to the edge of north Wales.
A third squad would cover the south Midlands, a fourth the North-West and north Wales and a fifth the northern Mid-

the new scheme will end almost two years of squabbling. Disagreements between forces and police authorities from different areas led Home Office officials to orga-nise a conference in London last September to try to find common ground. The conference was held in private as police commanders and councillors argued over the proposals.

Other plans have been criticised because Welsh chief constables have argued that one squad should cover much of Wales. In the South-East, local authorities were worried that too many resources would be drawn into London and that they would be pay-ing for investigations that did not concern their areas.

No extra staff are likely to be recruited to the squads, which would have a total manpower of 1,300 officers drawn on secondment from forces for a period of years. Under the plan, four of the regions would be run by a detective chief superintendent and the South-East would be under the control of an assistant chief constable or its London equivalent.





Rehearsal time: Graham Jackson, left, and Ian Hughes rehearsing the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra for the finals of the Donatella Flick conducting competition at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, on Wednesday and last night. The competition is funded by a Swiss-based charitable organisation

Traffic flow study

Analyst favours urban road tax

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

A TAX levied on private motorists for using scarce mad space in congested urban areas would reduce transport costs for all road users, including motorists paying the new tax, according to a leading traffic analyst.
Some motorists would be

forced off the roads by the tax but average speeds for those remaining would increase significantly, according to research by Martin Mogridge. Public transport would also become more efficient.

Dr Mogridge, senior re-searcher in the transport studies group at University College London, said that

gested cities was free, road users made more use of it than they would were they charged for doing so. If motorists had to pay user charges, marginal road use would be reduced or eliminated, resulting in a more efficient use of road space.

Motorists who continued to drive would benefit from reduced fuel consumption and travelling times while public transport would provide a much better service.

Traffic engineers had traditionally been able to increase the efficiency of the road system by introducing innovatory traffic management tech-niques such as urban clearways, one-way systems, no right turns and phased traffic lights, effectively increasing the number of vehicles with which the road system could cope. However, increased vehicle numbers, growing hostility towards road building in urban areas, and the limited scope for squeezing additional capacity out of roads would lead to motorists being compelled to accept the introduction of

Traffic management techniques had also increased the number of vehicles involved in traffic jams while increasing the dangers of a series of

new road taxes or road pric-

traffic jams joining up and reducing large urban areas, such as central London, to a state of gridlock.

"As efficiency increases so the redundancy is removed from the road system," he said. "At the limit there is no redundancy. If anything goes wrong there is no capacity left for the road to absorb traffic which needs to be diverted around the jam."

Dr Mogridge said that in-creasing the capacity of central London roads had not improved average traffic speeds. Increased road capacreleased supressed demand for car travel, reducing

Walkers fight to save high points

NATIONAL park wardens in the Lake District are campaigning to save many of the concrete pillars used by Ordnance Survey map makers to mark the area's summits.

Space satellites have made redundant many of the estimated 6.000 trig pillars in Britain but the voluntary wardens hope to preserve up to 100 of them in the Lake District as historic monuments or as caims to help fell walkers to navigate in bad weather.

The OS needs to retain only about 330 of the 6,130 trig points but Derek Lyon, chairman of the Lake District wardens, believes that some should be given listed status in the landscape. Others could be "adopted" and maintained by volunteers. They are extremely valu-

able, particularly on undulating fells that lack any major features. In mist or bad weather it is mightily reassuring to come upon a trig point that tells you precisely where you are," Mr Lyon said.

Some are built of stone with pictorial guides pointing to the surrounding summits.

Most are simple concrete plinths that require maintenance to protect them from wind and frost. "Hill walkers are very fond of them and are very willing to help keep them in good condition," Mr Lyon said.

Trig pillars have saved lives and are held in high esteem by ramblers. A survey of the Lake District pillars will continue throughout the summer and already the Ordnance Survey has received hundreds of letters from people hoping o adopt a trie point

"People hold very strong memories of hilltops, either for romantic reasons or for some particular association. Some trig pillars are aesthetically pleasing, strong features on the landscape." Mr Lyon said. But it is as navigational marks that they are most highly prized. The pillar marking Scafell Pike in the Lake District tells mist-bound wanderers that they are standing at 977m on gland's highest summit.

Islanders take to the sea against hospital downgrading

Britain are to embark on a 100-mile journey by land and sea this weekend to protest at the downgrading of their local hospital.

The protesters, who will be led by Canon John Angus Galbraith of St Peter's Roman Catholic church on South Uist, have spent £6,000 to charter the Hebridean Isle, the ship that will carry them from the North Uist port of Lochmaddy to Storno-

Once the islanders arrive on Lewis they are expected to march on the islands' health board headquarters

FIVE HUNDRED people from where they will demand that acute pital on South Uist, suspended for more than two years, be restored. Daliburgh hospital serves about 8,000 people on the islands that include North and South Uist, Benbecula, Barra, Eriskay and Vatersay. Patients needing surgery at present have to be flown to Stornoway, Inverness or Glasgow.

The Western Isles health board has been told by the Advisory Committee on Medical Establishment that the acute surgical workload at Daliburgh was not enough to justify the retention of a consultant surA Roman Catholic canon is leading a maritime protest by Hebridean families, reports Kerry Gill

geon. The committee said that about 100 acute operations a year would be the amount necessary to retain a surgeon. Most recent figures show that fewer than 20 acute operations a year were carried out at Daliburgh.

Canon Galbraith, chairman of the Daliburgh action group, said:

the health board without consulting the people. The board opted for the hospital being served by GPs with appropriate skills but virtually everybody wants the suspended service restored. We decided the only way to make our protest was to take it to Stornoway and that meant charter-

ing a ship."

He said the islands' geography was at the centre of the problem. "It can be very severe weather in winter time. There are very bad storms and the islands can be cut off quite easily." Canon Galbraith said. The

"This goes back to 1989 when acute protesters have the backing of National party candidate, and Sam Galbraith, Labour's Scottish health spokesman, has promised to reinstate surgical services at Daliburgh if Labour wins the election.

The largely Roman Catholic southern islands have always been wary of the powerful Protestant north, which includes Lewis and Harris. Stornoway is the administrative capital. Since they are paying for the ship charter, the protesters said they would also hand in a note to Western Isles' council complaining about its neglect of the south.

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'Profession for rich' fears

Shortages of grants force law students to find college fees

GROWING numbers of students are having to pay from Society's finals course at the College of Law, the largest organisation for training solicitors in England and Wales, because they cannot obtain grants, a survey has found.

As a result, the college says, the solicitors' profession is in danger of becoming a profession for the children of the rich only. Student contributions now account for 46 per cent of total fees received, compared with 28 per cent two years ago, the survey of fees of 11,000 students

The percentage of total fees
on average £3,000 for the one-year course - provided

WOMEN are mounting a

spirited campaign to per-

suade manufacturers to cut

down on wasteful packag-ing, according to the Wom-en's Environmental Network.

The organisation, formed

to educate, inform and em-

power women who care

about the environment.

emphasises not only the en-

vironmental cost of over-

packaging but also that £10

out of every £65 of shopping

Since the second world

war there has been a revolu-

tion in packaging, particularly the wrapping of

foodstuffs, says the organis-

ation, which earlier this

week held a national recy-

cling day to highlight the

waste. Thousands of sun-

porters used "return to

sender" stickers to return

unwanted, single-use pack-

aging to manufacturers.

Members want to reduce

the use of cartons, plastic

bottles and aluminium cans

goes on packaging.

by local education authorities has dropped from 64 per cent two years ago to about 35 per cent. The number of local education authorities that are providing grants to cover the whole fee has dropped from 75 out of the 116 in 1988-9 to 53 for the academic year

The proportion of total student fees paid for by sponsor-ship by solicitors' firms has more than doubled over the past three years from seven to 17 per cent. That figure, the college says, may be an underestimate because, in some cases, the money is paid via

Richard Holbrook, chairman of the college's board of management, said: "Concern at the number of students

and to promote refillable.

Ilana Cravitz, an organis-ation member, said that the

industry had admitted that

one third of wrapping was

purely to enhance appear-

ance and boost sales: "We

all pay at least twice for

packaging, once at the

point of purchase and again

for disposal, as well as in

Ms Cravitz said the aver-

age household threw away

45kg of plastic waste every

year. Reducing packaging

would conserve energy, re-

duce emissions from power stations, help to alleviate

global warming and cut

down toxic by-products of

Supermarkets, the organ-isation said, were becoming

more environment-con-

scious, selling organic food

and drink, "friendly" house-

hold deaners and nappies.

recycled paper products

and giving out carrier bags

made from recycled plastic.

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returnable packaging.

Women leading

war on waste

who drop out before their course begins led us to look at the degree of help being provided by local education

"These figures show that while many local education authorities are doing what they can, they are using their powers under the discretionary grant regulations to cut down their support for law students. I fear the solicitors' profession is as a result of this in danger of becoming a pro-fession for rich people's children only."

☐ Overwhelming public sup-port for the duty solicitor scheme that covers courts and police stations, and the right of a person who is charged with a criminal offence to legal advice, is shown in a Gallup poll published this

The poll, carried out for the Law Society between March 26 and 31, shows that 97 per cent of people questioned feel that anyone who is taken to a police station and charged with a criminal offence should have automatic access to a solicitor.

The poll also found that 95 per cent agreed that people who cannot afford to pay for their own defence if taken to court should get free legal representation.

The findings were based on a random sample of 1,015 people nationwide. The Law Society is campaigning for measures to ensure that an adequate supply of solicitors is available to give advice and help to all charged with criminal offences.

It says that government proposals for a system of fixed fees in magistrates' courts in place of hourly rates will force large-scale withdrawals of solicitors from the duty solicitor schemes, which are already down on the numbers who took part a few years ago. Solicitors have already in-

dicated that they will with-draw from the schemes in as least six areas of the country. and have pulled out from duty schemes at police stations as a protest against gov-



Looking ahead: Peter Smith with one of seven gargoyles he has carved to replace the 450-year-old originals at Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire. The copies will be stored until the originals, which are badly eroded, have to be taken down

Solvent abuse kills record number of young people

By Alison Roberts

THERE was a record number of deaths involving solvent abuse in 1990 and more than 70 per cent of those who died were under 20, according to a report by St George's hospital medical school in London.

During that year, 149 linked to inhaling the con-tents of fire extinguishers. In

1989, there were 113 deaths. which was lower than previ-

problem is worsening and the very young are particularly at isk. There was a big increase in the death rate for males aged 15-19. Sixteen-yearolds of both sexes accounted for 28 per cent of deaths. Aneez Esmail, lecturer in search showed that 3.5 to 10 per cent of secondary school children had experimented with volatile substances.

recently sponsored a £1.4 million advertising campaign to alert parents to the dangers. Mr Esmail said that the large increase in numbers in the North could be linked to

Falklands Castle is veteran viewed campaigns as town's for youth saviour

By CRAIG SETON

TRADERS in Warwick are turning to the town's castle. which attracts more than 600,000 visitors a year, to help to reverse a slump in business that has seen the closure of many shops and

The traders, worried that Warwick is being portrayed as a ghost town after the closure of more than 30 shops, two restaurants and two hotels, are hoping to encourage more castle visitors to leave its ancient walls and regard the town itself as a tourist centre.

A gateway has been created in the castle's perimeter wall and signs are to be set up to lead visitors on a town trail. taking in museums, the Lord Leycester hospital, St Mary's church and the market square. Plans are being discussed for a pedestrian-only scheme and a Sunday market for specialist traders.

The traders have formed a new organisation, Renew. standing for Regeneration is needed in Warwick David Way, a shop owner and one of its members, said that colleagues were worried that without a revival scheme parts of the town would remain an eyesore. They believe that the success of cities including York and Bath as thriving tourist cen-tres indicate what Warwick could achieve.

The grade II listed former Woolpack hotel, overlooking Warwick market square, has been boarded up for several years after a proposed retail project for the site was stopped by the property slump. "That sort of thing does not look good," Mr Way said, "We are looking at the idea of an overall strategy for the town and perhaps the appointment of a town manager. Our vision is of Warwick as a secondary shopping centre with specialist shops of character for visitors and local people." He said that there was talk of combining the town's annual classical and folk festivals into a big-

ger, single event. Some traders believe that the effort to revive Warwick is drawing attention to negative aspects of the town. One said that it was being unfairly painted as a dying town. whereas many shops were doing good business. Keith Wright, vice-chairman of Warwick Chamber of Trade and Commerce, said: "We have got to convince tourists that the castle is not the only

attraction in Warwick."

The former Welsh Guards-

man Simon Weston, who was badly burned in the Falklands war, has launched a £250,000 appeal to help inner city teenagers from his native South Wales to overcome a lack of opportunities.

The appeal is fur the South Wales branch of the Weston Spirit charity, which began in Liverpool in 1987 and has an office in Cardiff. "If we can raise the £250,000 it will be a great boost for the work of Weston Spirit here in South

Wales." Mr Weston said. "I hope that we have found a way for young people to feel a part of the community. We have helped many of them face the future with a fresh

and positive outlook."

Tony Hird, chief executive of the charity, said: "We have developed a track record for working with inner city disadvantaged youth. Our aim is to make them step out of their conditioning, challenge assumptions about their capa-bilities and encourage them to make informed choices that they may become respon-

sible citizens. More than 500 young people from Liverpool. Newcastle and Cardill have taken part in projects organised by the charity including outdoor pursuits around the world and residential courses in Britain.

Chicken claim 'a turkey'

Claims that chicken is Britain's favourite meat have been challenged by the Meat and Livestock Commission. The British Chicken Information Service says that chicken dominated the retail meat market in 1991 for the

fourth consecutive year. Shoppers were said to have bought 394,000 tonnes of chicken, 323,000 tonnes of beel, 192,000 tonnes of pork and 182,000 tonnes of lamb The commission said that the figures did not take into account huge sales of burgers. sausages, bacon and ham.

Ship disquiet

The International Red Cross has questioned Britain's use of fighting hospital ships, such as the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Argus, during the Gulf war. Argus was not designated a neutral hospital ship and retained a number of defensive weapon systems. Antoine Bouvier, of the legal division of the International Red Cross, said that neutral hospital ships had proved their worth over the years and had saved countless lives.

Law and order

A team of British lawyers is in Albania helping the newlyelected democratic leaders of the former communist bastion to come in from the cold. The delegation, funded by the government and the Law Society, is helping the Albanian authorities in the capital Tirana to draft electoral law, economic regulations and other legislation. The lawyers are also holding a workshop on how to run a legal practice.

Home shortage

Homelessness has reached the Falklands Islands, where a population boom has led to an acute housing shortage. forcing people to live in converted portable cabins left behind by the army after the Falklands war. Others live in converted lorry containers. Last month the YMCA opened a 20-bed hostel in Stanley, the capital, a purpose-built building intended for fishermen.

Cheap snaps

Camera prices and the cost of developing films are cheaper in Britain than almost anywhere else in Europe. Only Germans get a better deal when buying equipment, according to Amateur Photographer magazine.

people died after inhaling gas fuels, aerosols, glue fumes or other volatile substances. There was a marked increase in the number of deaths

ous years. Since 1983, when figures were first collected. 1,113 people have died. Of those who died in 1990,

87 per cent were male and 30.9 per cent were first-time solvent abusers. In almost half of cases the substance was used in a public place such as a park, shopping centre or street.

The figures show that the

public health medicine at St George's, said previous re-

That is lower than the figures for experimentation with cannabis or alcohol but

the difference is that those things won't kill you." he said. You can get locked up for smoking cannabis but it is still not illegal to sniff volatile substances. People are just beginning to realise now that it is an important problem."

The health department has

deprivation and the

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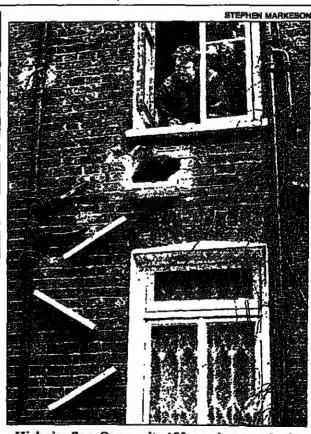
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Police say cells are filling up BY STEWART TENDLER

CHIEF constables have called on the Home Office to help to stem the rising number of prisoners held in police cells. At the end of last week the total had reached 1,817. John Burrow, chief constable of Essex and vice-president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said that the figures dropped last year after police representa-tions but they had now climbed again. Police feared that soon forces would not be able to cope. The worst region is the North-West where damage at Strangeways prison, Manchester, has reduced cell space.
The Home Office said that

apart from Strangeways, an additional 3,000 remand prisoners had come unexpectedly into the prison system. Space was being lost because of refurbishments but some extra space would become available this month when a young offenders' institution reopened.



High-rise flap: Oscar exits 18ft up via a standard cat flap onto the stepped, floodlit, carpet-lined ramp designed by its owner Richard Lohr at their home in Shepherd's Bush, west London. The fixings will not take cat burgiars or ambitious dogs

Vicars are given a telling sermon

By PAUL WILKINSON

HAVE you heard the one about the vicar, the students and Taffy the story-teller? If you are sitting comfortably I

shall begin.
The story so far: David ("Taffy" to his listeners) Thomas is a full-time raconteur who wanders the North Country from his Lakeland home enlivening pub hearthsides and village halls with his chronicles of bygone days. Now he has been asked to give trainee church-men ups on spinning a yarn in the hope that his expertise will make their sermons a little more interesting.

The idea came from Canon Trevor Pitt of St John's College in Durham, which trains clergy for the Church of England, United Reformed Church and the Methodists. Canon Pitt first heard Taffy talking at a supper club. "I asked him to come along and help with

the the ordination course at the colle. Most people have a jaundiced idea of sermons as boring and not worth listening to, but that is not the case and, with Taffy's help, we can make sure the sermons grab everyone's attention. Story telling is at the heart of preaching and the telling of stories is what the Bible is about."

Mr Thomas, aged 41. said: "I will be giving them a few tips on presenting stories and encouraging audience par-ticipation. They may find it appropriate to tell stories from the pulpit using props and the odd costume. I hope that my advice will make things more inter-

esting for the congregation."
His stories have been told in church before. One that he told to the daughter of a lay preacher was reproduced the following Sunday. "I don't mind when people retell my stories, just so long as they bring enjoyment," Mr

Thomas said. "I have a few ideas to help the lectures along. I will be asking them to bring a story and then give a

few hints on how to get it across."

Mr Thomas started his working life as a drama teacher, before working as an entertainer with a travelling theatre group. His £10,000 a year salary is paid from the arts budget of the county councils of Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland, partly as a way of livening up some of the more remote

areas and partly as a tourist attraction.
He travels on a tricycle bearing the slogan "Stop Me and Hear One". He has 200 tales committed to memory. Most are local folk tales or stories from history but some have a modern twist including the threat to the rainforest. His lectures at the Durham college, if successful, could be repeated. Possibly a tale of a prophet finding honour in

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French police foil Japanese gangsters

Luxury goods at heart of swindle

From Philip Jacobson in paris

A BIG money-laundering operation, by top figures in Japan's notorious yakuza gangs of organised criminals, has been foiled by French police investigating phenomenal sales of Louis Vuitton leather goods and Hermès scarves.

The arrest last week of about a hundred people, almost all of Asian origin, appears to have cracked an operation that was recycling tens of millions of dollars of "dirty money" from drugs, prostitution and protection racketeering in Japan.

Like most successful scams, the "Vuitton connection" was an essentially simple affair, based on the purchase and resale of the French luxury goods for which there is an inexhaustible market in Japan. It involved yakuza illicit funds to buy up vast quantities of top-quality goods which were then recycled back into Tokyo department stores at irresistible prices.

Over the past three years, French police sources suggest, upwards of 400 million francs (£40 million) has pumped through a network recruited mainly among the Vietnamese and Cambodian communides in Paris.

The tip that first put investigators on the track of the operation was the regular appearance of several hundred people of apparently modest origin buying up Vuitton and Hermes products as if there was no tomorrow, every last one paying with crisp new 500-franc notes bearing consecutive serial numbers.

After close surveillance, the police decided to raid an

appartment near the Place de la Madeleine, conveniently located for the main luxury stores in Paris. They discovered about 2,500 items from the Vuitton and Hermès catalogues, worth an estimated 7 million francs and about 2.5 million francs in hard cash in, what else, brand new 500franc notes.

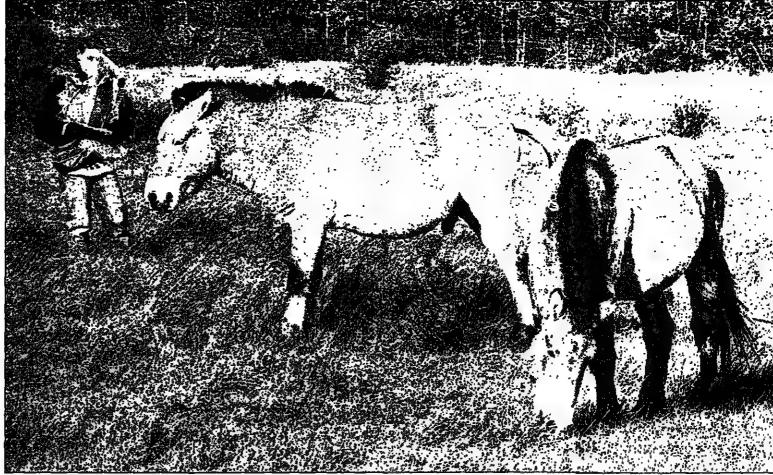
It subsequently emerged that the gang responsible had recruited its shoppers through small advertisements in newspapers circulating in the 13th arrondissement, the Parisian "Chinatown". A small army of buyers would report for duty every morning to receive working funds, then march back, buckling under the veight of shopping bags, to hand over the goods in return for what Le Figaro reported was "a slim envelope" containing their daily retainer.

As the police swooped, bank accounts containing more than 15 million francs were frozen by official order: at the same time, a French Customs official working at Charles de Gaulle airport was arrested on charges of having provided false stamps and documents allowing the yakuza to shift their haul back to Japan. According to reports in the French press. Joël Dumont ensured that not a franc in duty was paid as container-loads of elegant handbags and designer

scarves were shipped out. News of this luxury ring comes at a time when the French, the Parislans above all, are decidely sensitive about the "invasion" of wellheeled Japanese tourists waving their wallets in every smart shop in town. The vast majority are legitimate tourists, but as one police investigator noted, where better to wash" dirty money without attracting unwelcome atten-

As Le Figaro sees it, "la Mafia Japonnaise," Is now poised to infiltrate France, where the existence of a substantial Asian community mostly non-Japanese, it should be said - provides a convenient base.

A team of Parisian gen-darmes is now standing by to fly to Tokyo for discussions with their opposite numbers. They are said to have been somewhat discouraged by the equanimity which the principal suspects arrested here have displayed during ques-tioning, which apparently re-flects the belief that back in Japan, a touch of yakuza influence will fix just about



Mongolia bound: Anne Leboucher, aged 29, a veterinary surgeon from Nantes. western France, with two Prsewalski horses in a field at Goudplaat in Zeeland, southwest Holland. The Prsewalski, ancestor of the modern animal and the last

from extinction by a group of enthusiasts in Holland. Native to Mongolia, the horse disappeared from the wild 25 years ago, but a controlled breeding programme, using stock from animal reserves and a

zoo, has saved the breed. The project, supported by the Worldwide Fund for Nature, is so successful that the Dutch intend soon to begin reintroducing the animal to Mongolia. Mlle Leboucher has been compiling a video record of

the group of stallions. She has studled the behaviour and relationship choose those most suited to be the first to return in May to Hustain Nurue, where 100,000 acres have been set aside by the government.

SOME OTHER LAWNINGWERS

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Carnogursky: even his party is split

Where breaking up is hard to do

In Czechoslovakia, men are pulling asunder what history put together. Roger Boyes reports from Bratislava on the chances of a civilised divorce

MANY of the fragile national marriages put together in the early 20th century are under strain and some like Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, are coming to a close. It is Czechoslovakia, however, that presents the most interesting spectacle.

There both partners, the Czechs and Slovaks, are pulling apart, approaching the very edge of divorce and then drawing back. Should Czechoslovakia be saved? The excitable Jozef Prokes, leader of the Slovak National Party, predicts the federation will fall apart within a month of elections in June and, at the very latest, Slovakia will be an independent state by the end of the year. That outcome rather depends on the

kia after the elections. At the moment political parties favouring divorce or legal separation are dominating the opinion polls.

balance of power in Slova-



They are led by the powerful Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, the populist party led by bull-necked politician Vladimir Meciar.

The Slovak National party, though relatively small. has set the agenda for the other parties: almost everybody, even the former communists, reject the present shape of Czechoslovakia.

Only Jan Carnogursky. the Christian Democratic prime minister, wants to maintain the relationship. albeit as an open marriage. Even his party has split on the issue and he stands little chance against Mr Meciar.

This quirky, charismatic man commands more than 30 per cent support in Slovakia, well ahead of the rest of the field. He has been accused of collaborating with the communist secret police, but he shrugged off the charges made by the Slovak parliament.

The marriage between Czechs and Slovaks in 1918 was based more on fear than on love. The Slovaks regarded the joint Czechoslovak state as a useful escape from Hungarian domination; the Slovaks remembered how they were almost swallowed up under the Magyars, how they lost Slovak schools, how Slovak could only be used as a teaching language during religious lessons.

Yet the Czechs, after 1918, did not regard the Slovaks as equal partners. Czech teachers, civil servants and judges moved quickly into rural and under-populated Slovakia. They edged Slovaks out of careers in the army, diplomacy and civil administration. After the war, under the communists, the balance was redressed

The Slovaks were given their own schools and courts and, within the tight contours of the Communist party. Slovaks started to make an impact on federal politics. All this has now turned against the Slovaks. The steel foundries, mines and tank factories are heavy polluters and

uneconomical. But there is no such thing as pain-free divorce and the West will have to decide whether to support the continuation of a federal state or acknowledge the right to



Lecturers among thousands sacked

FROM ABBY TAN IN RANGOON

BURMA'S military government has sacked 15,000 civil servants in the latest purge of "disloyal elements". Diplomatic observers said they had counted 150 Rangoon university teachers who had lost their jobs in recent months.

Thousands of teachers have been sent to a re-education camp at the Central Institute of Public Services north of Rangoon. A four-week drill course of exercises and lectures that began there in January is said to be modelled on the rural re-education by Red Guards in China in the

A senior academic who is a key economic adviser to the

A FORMER captain in the

American-backed South

Viernamese army was at the

railway station to see off a

relative. He had served a

long stint in a communist

re-education camp and

now lived in limbo. He had

no hope of getting a job, nor of emigrating to America through an officially sanc-

tioned departure pro-

gramme. "No relatives in the US," he said sadly.

Then the South-North

Express pulled out of Saigon station (which it is still

called, though the former

southern capital has been

known as Ho Chi Minh

City since 1975) on the 1,078-mile, 49-hour jour-

ney through one of commu-

nism's last bastions to

In the compartment with me were my guide and two

vere working for a Russian-

Vietnamese oil venture.

None were members of the

Sleeping on the floor at

the end of the carriage was

a former anti-aircraft gun-ner from the Ho Chi Minh

trail, now working for a

true communist, and there

are not so many like him.

said the guide. "He lives on his pittance of a salary and

out of principle won't dab-

Like the former army of-

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economic losers in contem-

porary Vietnam. The ones

doing best are entrepre-

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joint ventures, and many

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The journey costs [7]

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communist party.

Vietnamese take

sombre journey

into their past

By James Pringle on the saigon-hanoi express

government confirmed the sackings. "The government has handled the students, the politicians and the Buddhist monks," he said. "Now it must address the civil servants who also joined the students' strike." Demonstrations by students, communists and liberals against socialist one-party rule

An army presence is evident at big road junctions in Rangoon. "Beware of underground and above ground destructive elements", de-

fields. There is little left of

the American military ef-

fort, but at Dong Ha,

American tanks and artil-

lery pieces lie rusting.

25mph across the Bong

Son plain, once one of the

most dangerous areas for

Americans, the landscape

is peaceful. Peasant girls

board in Quang Ngai to sell produce. Not far away is

My Lai, scene of the mass

COMBODIA

killings by US troops.

Peasants still push their

ploughs across fields be-

hind oxen, but instead of

peasant hats and black py-

amas, they wear baseball

Ben Hai river into the

north, the country is sud-

denly different, poorer.

B52 bomb craters, usually

filled with water, progress

The diesel engine judders to a halt 15 miles from

Hanoi. We have hit a young

man hurrying to the mar-

ket to sell tomatoes. He is

dead. In less than ten min-

utes, we are on the way

again. After two days and

nights, we arrive in Hanoi

feeling sombre, like the

overcast weather of Viet-

nam's capital.

alongside the track

caps, T-shirts and shorts.

As the carriages rattle at

step in, crushing all popular

dissent, when they imposed martial law in September

Down with minions of The teachers being re-edu-cated are blamed for the behaviour of the students, the adviser said. They were on forced holiday for three years until mid-1991, when schools prompted the armed forces to

reopened. The military authorities again shut them down indefinitely last December, when students rallied in streets in celebration of the winning of the Nobel peace prize by Aung San Suu Kyi, their heroine, in 1991. The check on civil servants

clared one large biliboard.

while another, in front of the

US embassy gate, said:

and teachers that decided their "disloyalty" was a questionnaire. One question asked: "Should someone married to a foreigner be elected head of state? If yes, what will be the situation of the country?" The reference to Daw Suu Kyi, who is mar-ried to a British academic, is abvious.

Daw Suu Kyi, who headed the National League for Democracy that spearheaded the demand for free elections, has been under arrest since July 1989 in her house in a Rangoon surburb. The junta said she could go free if she gave up politics, a demand

The league won 80 per cent of the 485 seats in the national assembly in the May 1990 elections, but the junta has refused to honour the results. Many of those elected are in prison or in hiding. Human rights groups say about 2,000 dissidents are in

jail. They claim, too, that known political prisoners have been forced to act as porters for the army and made to walk ahead of troops to clear landmines in areas where rebels are fighting the central government Diplomatic observers say

that General Saw Maung. chairman of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council, has promised a new constitution to be drawn up by a national convention, obviously to be hand-picked by the military, but he has not publicly mentioned any timetable. Observers in Rangoon expect the constitution will not be introduced before the expiry of the four-year term for which league candidates text to disqualify them from a

convention. General Saw Maung and other ministers insist that the military has no intention of clinging to power. They point out that they had power in 1958 and 1962 when they took over briefly only to hand it back to civilians once stable security had been achieved.

Since 1988, the junta has abandoned 26 years of socialism which brought Burms to economic ruin. The govern-ment in 1987 asked the United Nations to downgrade its status from a developing country to "least developed".





Rising generation: Deng Xiaoping, left, the senior leader, maintains his influence through Deng Pulang,

China's old guard seeks political immortality through 'princelings'

IF YOU happened to be flick-ing through the official Who's Who of China, perusing the pictures of those who hold power, you might be struck by the similar jaw lines of two men surnamed Chen. What the official Who's Who does not tell you is that the Chens are father and son. Chen Yun, at 86, is the

country's arch-conservative economist. Chen Yuan, his son, is vice-governor of the People's Bank of China. The Chens are just one example of the way in which Chinese leaders keep it in the family.

Increasingly elderly and frail, the veteran revolutionaries are bidding to keep their political influence alive through their children, who are known as "princelings". Foreign governments see the "princelings" as conduits to their parents and possible future leaders. There is no identifiable "princeling" clique, but there is considerable potential for them to evolve into an interest group.

A paper submitted the United States Congress last year

identified 57 Chinese in influential political and economic positions who had risen on the coat-tails of their parents. They included Li Peng, the prime minister, and the adopted son of Chou En-lai, the former prime minister.

Deng Xiaoping, the senior

eader, aged 87, rarely leaves his private residence but keeps his grip on power with the help of his children. He no longer meets foreign visitors, but his children have become his emissaries. Wherever they travel abroad, the Deng offspring are wel-comed. Many Chinese suspect that it was Mr Deng's

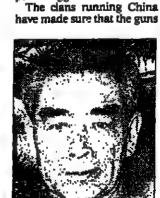
keep their influence by nepotism to the infuriation of ordinary people, Catherine Sampson writes in Peking children who persuaded him

Ageing revolutionaries are trying to

earlier this year a make a rare public trip to southern China to defend his reforms. Deng Rong, his youngest daughter, is her father's per-

sonal assistant and interpreter. In 1990 she went to Tokyo with Yang Li, the daughter of President Yang, and was received by Japanese leaders. The two are also reported to have travelled together to Singapore, Hong Kong and other countries, acting for their fathers who are close allies. Deng Nan, another daugh

ter, is vice-minister of the science and technology commission. Deng Zhlfang, his son, works for the capitaliststyle International Trust and Investment Corporation. He has held talks with Kim II



sullied by persistent reports of

On the rare occasions that

Deng Xiaoping surfaces, he

does not let just anyone take

his photograph. His personal

photographer is Yang Shao-

ming, the son of Mr Deng's

old friend President Yang.

The choice of Yang junior is

believed to have less to do

with his artistic prowess than

with security. It is much safer

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Father's footsteps: Li Peng, left, prime minister and son of Chou En-lai, who held the same post

dent Yang, who is in day-to-day control of the army, has chosen Yang Baibing, his younger brother, to head the People's Liberation Army's general political department. He Ping. Deng Xiaoping's Sung in North Korea. Deng son-in-law, is deputy director Pulang, a second son, has of that department, which is travelled to Hong Kong and in charge of China's arms other countries as the head of China's welfare fund for the Three other "princelings". handicapped. His image is

all the sons of veteran revolutionaries, run Polytechnologies, an arms-dealing company. He Ping and Deng Nan are among the seven "princelings" who are tipped to be promoted to the central committee at the Communist party's five-yearly congress later this year. The "princelings" have had

are in the right hands. Presi-

the sort of upbringing of which the masses could only dream: mansions, servants, cars and special schools. They were the first to be allowed to go to university after the Cultural Revolution. In the past ten years, they have risen quickly through the ranks to positions usually reserved for people decades their senior. The political and economic

privileges enjoyed by the "princelings" infuriate ordi-nary people. Such nepotism is a feature of traditional feudal Chinese rule, but sits uneasily with the propaganda of the Communist party.

After the killing of pro-

democracy demonstrators in 1989, hardliners made an effort to quell public resentment by declaring that they would limit severely the activities of the children of officials The only people affected were the offspring of lower level officials. Not one of the children of top leaders suffered.

Low-caste **Indians** learn to be free

Christopher Thomas meets a Brahmin teaching Untouchables to break free of their chains

Mukesh Kumar, aged 14, a Dalit (Untouch-able) born into servitude because his parents are bonded labourers, is learning rebel songs. "We will change India." he sang. We will make gold from mud. We will go to every home and show the way. He has been freed from bondage. From virtual slavery at a stone quarry he has found his way to a place called Mukri Ashram, a one-acre retreat in the village of Ibrahimpui on the outskirts of Delhi.

Here, for the first time in his life, he is learning that he is equal to others.

The man telling him so is a high-caste Brahmin. "It's heady stuff," Kailash Satyarthi says. "After coming here. Untouchables go back to their villages and cause all sorts of trouble for the local bigwigs. They stir up other Untouchables into demanding their

They insist on going into temples and using the same wells and village taps landlords are shocked. Other Brahmins regard me as something of a

Mr Satvarthi, who created Mukti Ashram, says its objective is "total liberation — economic. social. political, mental and cultural".

He went on: "These people come here as timid. browbeaten Untouchables who are too frightened to talk to anybody they regard as caste superiors. Three months later they are changed people.

he idea for Mukti Ashram (mukti means liberation") was born when it was realised that former bonded labourers were ill-equipped to handle freedom. Theoretically the government gives each freed labourer 10,000 rupees (£200) to acquire the means to earn a livelihood, such as a cow, a bullock or a village shop. In practice all or part of the money is usually siphoned off corrupt bureaucrats.

Mukesh Kumar says his parents are still bonded on a stone quarry because of a long-standing debt to a landlord. "We break up rocks into small stones. We are paid 15 rupees (31p) for a truckload. My mother, father, and brother take a whole day to fill one truck.

Bonded labour is illegal under a 1976 act. But the law is widely ignored because of a pervasive nexus of bribe-taking between landlords, politicians, bureaucrats and police.

Bishops urge church to fight sexism

New York: Sexism is a mora and social evil that the United States Catholic Church should light, a committee of bishops said in a pastoral

But Sister Phyllis Price of New York said the letter will always fall short if the bishops continue their ban on women priests. "It is the dysfunctional system in the church that is the problem." she said. (AP)

Buffer agreed Geneva: A Liberian rebel

leader has said here that peacekeeping forces could set up a buffer zone betweer Liberia and Sierra Leone within 15 days. Charles Tavlor, the rebel leader and Amos Sawyer, the president, signed an agreement earlier. (AFP)

President to go Islamabad: Benon Sevan, the

UN mediator, told European ambassadors a transitional Afghanistan government replacing President Najibullah's should be in place by April 28, sources here said. Dr Najibullah would leave the country. (AFP)

Gallows price

Nicosia: Ayatollah Morteza Moqtadaei, Iran's chief justice, says diveh (blood money), has risen eight-fold. The murderer of a Muslim man can now ransom himself from the gallows for 70 million rials (E600,000 at the official rate). (Reuter)

Angola's free-market line is cut off

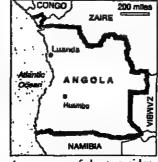
THE ruling Popular Move-ment for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) will soon drop all references to socialism in its publications and remove the words "workers" party" from the end of its official title. But the message of the free

market has yet to get through to Enatel, the state telephone company in Luanda, which uses singularly stalinist methods to persuade people to pay their bills. Enatel does not bother with warning notes and red letters, British Telecom style. In fact they do not send bills at all.

Instead, every now and again, a batch of numbers will get cut off for non-payment of non-bills. Then it is up to the telephone user to 20 to the company, beg for a bill and beg Enatel to accept payment. One might go years before getting caught out, but Enatel gets you in the end. This week it has been the turn of the embassies.

Already taut, dipiomatic tensions caused by ambassadors desperately trying to persuade the opposition Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) and the government not to restart their civil war, have been stretched to breaking point testing both the endurance of their excellencies and their diplomatic

The Belgian. Portuguese. French, Italian and other envoys have been disconnected and ambassadors now have to drive around town delivering messages in person. Beyond coping with Luanda's 100 per cent humidity and Angolans grasp economic realities better than the central bank, which is confident of low inflation, and the government, confident of re-election, Sam Kiley writes



the tempers of the two sides seeking power in Angola the real test for the ambassadors is how to get the phone reconnected without paying for ev-eryone else. They know from Lusa, the Portuguese news agency, that Enatel will load errant international charges on to the accounts of the rich and foreign, showing a fine regard for the redistribution of wealth and none for customer relations. To stop this the Portuguese

rely on grand letterheads and flamboyant signatures from their ambassadors. The Belgians boast that they have a better technique and have stationed a man at the equivalent of Telecom House eight hours a day for two weeks to lobby on their behalf. Both remain telephonically incom-municado. "It will be some time before we feel the benefits of the changes we have pressed so hard for," said one ambassador. The efficiency promised by the market has also yet to enter the sacred realms of the pink seafront fin de siècle National Bank of Angola where Soviet-trained economists have been involved in some eccentric money-supply control that will bring nothing but hyperinflation to Angola. Mandarins in the central

bank did not realise, when they promised a one-for-one swap of new for old local currency (the kwanza) in September 1990 but gave only 5 per cent on cash and 8 per cent on bank accounts, that there were more popular ways to squeeze the money supply. José Eduardo dos Santos and his government soon did.

With an election due in September. Mr dos Santos promised to return all the money extracted from the povo (the people), as well as to catch up with the ten months of back pay owed to 100,000 civil servants and pay off the 100,000 soldiers being demobbed over the coming weeks by printing tons of money. Mr dos Santos may feel that this earns brownie points with the electorate as it anticipates its first-ever free elections.

While the central bank is confident of a stable currency and low inflation and the government of re-election, the

economic realities. In the past few days they have been queuing round the block to get their cash out of the banks and into secure investments like fridges and hi-fi equipment before inflation erodes their pay packets to nothing.

All this insecurity has been good news for British security firms run by former British SAS officers in Angola, and for former Gurkhas as they have formed a lucrative alliance offering protection for anyone with something worth stealing, ranging from the run Endiana diamond-mining company. Last year's British defence cuts slashed the number of Nepalese fighters serving the Crown by more than half to 2,500. But the world's best-known

and best-loved mercenaries, who have been employed by the British since the early 19th century, are now to be seen patrolling the streets of Luanda and policing the diamond mines of the northeast for about twice what they earn from the British. in the Angolan capital.

where muggers are armed not with handyman's knives but AK47 rifles, and shots disturb the clammy air every night, the British embassy is guarded by four smiling Gurkhas in black baseball caps armed with their traditional heavy kukris, well suited to decapitation. Paid about E400 a month by a British company. Defence Systems International Limited, they already speak better Portuguese than their bosses.

Attack on Quebec leads to demands for ban on book FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

MORDECAI Richler, the

Canadian novelist, is under fire from his home province of Quebec for a book of nonfiction which one MP wants suppressed.
Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!

Requiem for a Divided Country is an outspoken treatise on Canadian political life. with special reference to the xenophobic nationalism which Richler believes is tearing at Quebec. It is so harsh that a Quebecois MP rose in the House of Commons last week to urge that it be banned under Canada's hate-litera-

ture laws. The request fell on deaf ears. Jewish by birth - some of his most acclaimed novels,

including The Apprentice-ship of Duddy Kravitz, are about the lives of Jewish families in Montreal - Richler reserves his most caustic criticisms for what he sees as a streak of anti-Semitism running through Quebec's history and public life. He denounces Lionel Giroux, an intellectual force in the province in the 1940s and 1950s. and a nationalist here to many Quebecers, as a "viru-

Firm sends greetings from beyond the grave

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

CARDS from Beyond of Fairport, New York state, has come up with an elegant solution to a worry which throughout the ages has nagged those who are about to die: how do you send greetings cards to your loved ones after you are gone?

For \$25 (£14) per year, the firm is offering to send cards to the near and dear of the departed on special occasions well into the next century.

"Just think," says its advertisement. 'you passed away months ago and yet on every occasion that is important to those you left behind . . . they

receive a beautiful card expressing your warm and loving thoughts to them." Imagine the pleasure of the

bereaved when the postman brings a tasteful birthday card with the real signature of the departed - signed, of course, in the pre-death period. "On this special day in your life," the card said, "take joy in the fact that those of us who have gone on before would give anything to be in your shoes."

Customers may wonder, however, about the potential for confusion in the matter of anniversaries.

lent anti-Semite" and a fascist. But what really stirred the pot was Richler's characterisation of Le Devoir, Quebec's most influential daily newspaper and a kind of icon to millions of French-Canadians, as an integral part of the anti-Semitic tradition.

To help promote his book, the author broadcast an interview in which he said that. during the 1930s. Le Devoir was "interchangeable" with Der Stürmer, the notorious Nazi weekly personally directed by Hitler to spread lies about a Jewish plot to take over the world. Stung by the reference, Lise Bissonnette, publisher of Le Devoir, ran a signed editorial castigating Richler for defaming not only those now associated with the newspaper but the families of former editors as well.

Richier's book is an expansion of a devastating 31-page article he wrote last year for The New Yorker magazine, in which he ridiculed Quebec's notorious sign laws which prohibit outdoor advertising signs in any language other than French. What Ms Bissonnette calls the "real, necessary, intense" anger felt by Quebecers is not likely to be mitigated by Richler's suggestion that many are descended from prostitutes imported by a 17th-century administrator "to satisfy the appetites of his mostly functionally illiterate soldiers".

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Strike threat as Bonn turns down public sector pay rise

TO THE dismay of the Bonn government, an arbitration panel yesterday said Germany's 2.3 million public-service workers should be given pay rises of 5.4 per cent at a cost of DM20 billion (£7 billion).

The non-binding ruling was immediately rejected as "economically untenable" by Rudolf Seiters, the interior minister, but the workers' union is threatening to bring public services to a halt if the government refuses to negotiate on the figure when the two sides meet on Monday.

The government, struggling to drag inflation down from its ten-year high of 4.7 per cent, is desperately anxious for a low settlement in the sector, which traditionally

Kohl sees red over bananas

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, left for his Easter health-cure holiday yesterday, but not before sending an angry letter to Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, in Brussels. It concerned bananas (Ian Murray writes).

To Herr Kohl's outrage, the European Commission has proposed a new banana import quota to come into force from next year. The quota would also put a 20 per cent import duty on all fruit coming in from Germany's main

suppliers.
The German consumer association has protested that the plan, which they say is largely for the benefit of France to protect producers in its Caribbean islands, will cost Germans DM1 billion (£350 million) a year. It will make bananas an unobtainable luxury for east Germans who never saw them under communism.

acts as a trendsetter for the rest of industry. It has offered the workers 3.5 per cent in reply to their 9.5 per cent claim and hoped that the arbitration panel would consider 4 per cent adequate.

The government's low offer would cost about DM13 billion. Even this is scarcely affordable, given that estimated public borrowing this year will reach DM 180 billion. driving up interest payments on the national debt to DM100 billion, which is equivalent to almost a quarter of the federal budget. All this contributes to inflationary pressures and makes it less and less likely that the Bundesbank will be prepared to even consider a reduction in interest rates until late autumn - and only then if there is an unlikely reduction in

Yesterday's arbitration recommendation immediately increased union determination to fight for a higher settlement and encouraged postal and rail workers to. press on with claims for 9.5 per cent. Even more worrying for the government is the fact that skilled workers in the engineering industry are also seeking 9.5 per cent. They are certain to want more than the public sector and have the Industrial muscle to fight for

Union militancy is running high anyway following last weekend's settlement for 450,000 white-collar employees in the banking sector. Bank workers staged the first strikes in postwar history to force a deal which, with other concessions, they say is worth 6.4 per cent. Earlier in the year steel employers gave in without a fight and paid 6.34 per cent to foundrymen who had voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action. These deals mean that unions generally expect settlements averaging about 6 per cent this year.

Resort plan puts birds in danger

European conservationists are angered by a tourist development project in southern Spain which threatens to destroy a bird sanctuary. Edward Owen writes from Madrid

EUROPE'S biggest nature reserve and one of the remaining unspoiled stretches of Spanish coastline is threatened with tourist devclopment, and many British migratory birds could lose a feeding ground as a

For millions of birds migrating from Africa to Europe, the huge Donana national park in southern Spain is a vital feeding and watering station. Laurence Rose, senior international officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "Hundreds of millions of birds like to feed and get their feet wet at Donana after a long Sahara crossing. It's crucial for British birds, from the common swallow to the rare blacktailed godwit, because the reserve is near the Strait of Gibraltar, the shortest sea crossing between the two



Their habitat is in danger of destruction by property developers who want to build a resort near the reserve. The park's wildlife also includes some rare species such as the imperial eagle and the Iberian lynx.

But there is hope following a report by 11 international experts on a development strategy for the park. European conservauonists have welcomed the report, which was commissioned by the regional Andalusian government in Seville, and recently launched by Manuel Chaves, president of Andalusia.

The report, ordered after protests from ecologists at the Costa Donana project.

took a year to prepare and compares the scheme to the old fable of the goose and the golden eggs, because it would devastage its main raison d'être, the bird sanctuary. The report proposes protection for the Asperilio dunes, where the 32,000-bed resort is planned with golf courses and sports facilities, and advises against urban development.

Mr Rose said: "My immediate reaction is that the report is very, very positive." His society helped the Spanish Omithological Society spearhead a cam-paign to save the 400 square miles of weilands, woods and dunes west of the Guadalquivir river estuary. "My message now to Chaves is to put his money where his mouth is. He said he would abide by what the

Mr Rose said the Costa Doñana project, reportedly backed by local business men connected with the Expo '92 world fair in Seville, completely misunderstands the value of Donana's wildlife, scenery and villages. The area has already been blighted by Matalascañas, a ramshackle coastal development from the Franco era.

Javier Castroviejo, a biologist and former park director who is president of the Friends of Donana Association, said: "The report is a good declaration of principles, but has no legal effect. It states what we and many others including the European Community have been saying: if you take the water from the park to run the resort, the wetlands disappear."

The report calls for a £237 million investment programme in the region by Spain and the European Community with the emphasis on ecological tourism with accommodation in village inns and farmhouses, and better organised visits to a better managed park



Final journey members of the Palestine National Army carry the coffin of one of the three crewmen who died when the plane carrying Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, crashed in the desert in south-

em Libya on Tuesday. The PLO office in Jordan said the two Palestinians would be buried in Amman today. Mr Arafat, bruised and bandaged, left hospital yesterday, Libyan health authori-

agency, Jana, reported that Mr Arafat. aged 62, left Misrata almost 24 hours after being rescued in the Sahara desert and would recuperate in Libya. Doctors said that the Palestinian leadties announced. The official news er was in good health. (Reuter)

Gadaffi tries to divide the West

affi. the Libyan leader, may be attempting to divide the international coalition against him by oftening to cooperate with France in its investigation into the bringing down of a French airliner while continuing to defy America and Britain over the Lockerbie bombing.

So far Libya has relied on its traditional Arab and Islamic supporters to fight back diplomatically against the West. But, with little sign of a breakthrough in mediation efforts, and only days to go before the April 15 ultima-tum for Libya to comply with United Nations Security Council resolution 758 or face a ban on air links and arms sales. Tripoli seems to have embarked on a lastminute campaign to seek French sympathy.

Western diplomats first suspected the Libyan ploy this week, when Tripoli sent a letter through the Arab League to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, in which it repeated its offer to send two Libyans accused of the Lockerbie bombing to a neutral third country, but refused to allow them to stand trial in America or Scotland.

The Lockerbie offer was

Tripoli woos Paris but the drive for sanctions is still on, Richard Beeston writes from Cairo

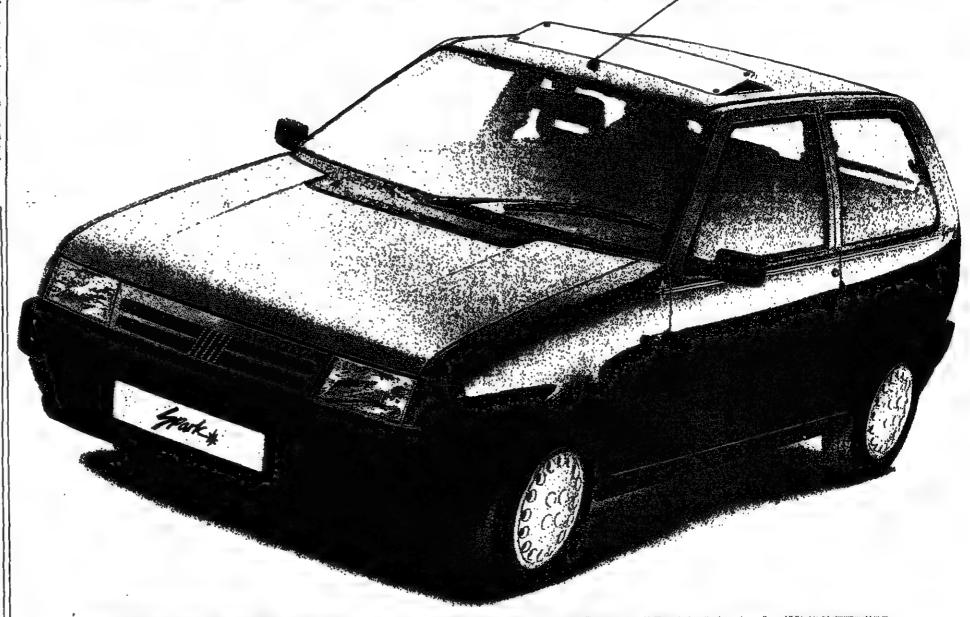
dismissed outright by British officials and was described by Brent Scowcroft, the American national security adviser. as a time-wasting tactic. He said Tripoli was attempting to find any way it could of "avoiding complying with the United Nations resolution".

But observers pointed out that, in addressing the ques-tion of the bombing of the UTA airliner over Niger in 1989, the Libyans appeared to be more flexible and had offered to meet French demands that four Libyan suspects should travel to Paris to be interrogated by a French investigating magistrate.

A Western diplomat said yesterday that the Libyans had displayed a new willingness to comply with the French demands and that this was seen as a tactical тапоеичте.

Despite Colonel Gadaffi's manoeuvring, however, one diplomat said: "The French have made it clear that we are all in this together, that it is

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Delors scolds Twelve for straying from righteous path to unity



Reynolds: referendum could spell confusion

JACQUES Delors is again upset with the European Community's recalcitrant governments and their habit of letting him down.

The president of the European Commission has been scolding the Danes for going cold on the Masstricht treaty on political and monetary union, which may not pass a referendum in Denmark in June. M Delors also chided EC foreign ministers earlier this week for their failure to discuss seriously a bigger EC budget for the 1990s.

When his officials report to the EC summit in Lisbon in June on the future enlargement of the Community, M Delors told the European parliament this week, govern-ments are in for a shock. Nobody. he complained, has thought about how an EC double or treble its

present size would function. The EC's self-absorption of last year, as its legal draftsmen argued in Brussels about the small print of the treaty, has repidly evaporated and been replaced by morose speculation about wider developments in Europe. The year 1992 is not turning out as the annus mirabilis of European unification that was once imagined.

Danish referendums traditionally resound to protests about Brussels robbing their parliament of its sovereignty, but this campaign is going badly for the pro-treaty coalition government. The latest opinion poll registered 36 per cent in favour of rejecting Maastricht and 32 per cent for accepting its terms. The government's most powerful argument for ratification - that otherwise Denmark would have to withdraw from the EC just as the rest of Scandinavia joins - has just over three weeks left to work to

Jacques Delors is again upset with EC leaders for letting him down over the Maastricht treaty and so much else. George Brock reports.

reverse the trend. Albert Reynolds. Ireland's prime minister, now faces a referendum on the treaty which has become inextricably entangled with the divisive issue of Ireland's law against abortion which is in potential conflict with EC-guaranteed freedom of movement between countries. Mr Reynolds is hoping to outmanoeuvre anti-abortionists by asking his country to ratify the treaty before

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of

which created the Maastricht deal. are plainly nervous that allowing Ireland to renegotiate a footnote will open the door to wider demands for treaty changes. With growing German misgivings about a single currency and fresh French worries about allowing foreigners to vote in local elections in France, both leaders fear that the treaty could unravel before it even

comes into force. The Maastricht summit allowed John Major to exclude Britain from new EC social charter laws: Labour leaders have said that they will opt Britain back in at the first opportunity. Since 11 states are on record as wanting Britain to come into line. Neil Kinnock could hardly be refused a new "intergovernmental conference" which is a legal requirement for changing the

France, chief sponsors of the talks treaty. In the present sour atmo sphere, the governments will tie themselves in knots trying to justify allowing Britain a revision which most will want to deny to all others. "We will try to arrange things in such a way that a change would not look like an amendment to the treaty but a re-ordering," one French source said yesterday.

The sour mood stems from a dawning sense that Maastricht did not settle the great questions which confront Europe. The closer integration contained in the treaty, due to come into force next January. was arranged without any adjustment for the expansion of the Community to include not only Scandinavia but also Eastern Europe which most of the continent now believes inevitable.

Abortion talks, page 20



Delors: warning words for rebellious Danes

Fears grow over power of military

Russia and Ukraine patch up fleet truce

RUSSIA and Ukraine yesterday edged back from confrontation over the Black Sea fleet, although their dispute over control of the ships remained unresolved.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, told deputies that he and Leonid Kravchuk, the Ukrainian leader, had agreed, after two telephone conversations, to suspend the conflicting decrees on the status of the fleet which they had

Sergei Shakhrai, an adviser to Mr Yeltsin, was expected to leave for Ukraine last night

for talks on a confrontation which has brought relations between the two republics to their lowest point since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

At the fleet headquarters in the Crimea, officers said they had been assured that that Mr Kravchuk and Mr Yeltsin would soon meet face to face in order to settle the ships' fate. President Kravchuk complained earlier that milltary chiefs, such as Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov and Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, who has returned to

Arms depot burns

Yerevan: Exploding shells detonated by a fire at an arms depot belonging to the 7th Army of the Commonwealth of Independent States forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes vesterday, officials said.

A spokesman for the commonwealth armed forces initially blamed the blaze, north of here, on a bomb attack by Armenian extremists. But Victor Salomatin, head of the commonwealth's administration department, told Tass militants "was just one ver-sion of the accident, and it is being investigated together with other possible causes".

At least seven people were injured and the authorities evacuated up to 400,000 residents of the villages of Balaovit and Migut as well as some districts of the Armenian capital, the Interfax news agency said. The evacuees are being housed in local government buildings.

The authorities said that the depot housed "classic"

with Ukrainian officials, enjoyed more power in the new

In Moscow, reformist Rus-

sian politicians and army officers issued a warning that preparations to establish the republic's own defence forces - which will soon incorporate most of the former Son military - had been placed in the hands of hardliners with a

history of opposing President Yeltsin. At a meeting of liberals and moderate nationalists, the commission entrusted by the Russian leader with setting up a defence es-tablishment over the next month was denounced as a nest of conservatives, including supporters of last August's failed putsch. Galina Starovoitova, a

presidential adviser and the commission's only woman member, said she was considering resigning. She said she had been alarmed to hear Marshal Shaposhnikov say this week that defence policy would be based on the importance of "power and wealth" Oleg Kalugin, a retired KGB meral, said the new Russian intelligence establishment was scarcely different from its



Casting a cold eye: Cossacks from the Don region listen dispassionately at yesterday's Congress of Russian People's Deputies in Moscow. The congress adopted a statement expressing concern over human rights violations in Moldavia, which declared its independence last August

Yeltsin issues warning to congress

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE Russian Congress of People's Deputies appeared to be balanced on a knife edge yesterday evening, after a day of behind-the-scenes bargaining between supporters and opponents of President Yeltsin's government failed to produce a compromise.

Mr Yeltsin was reportedly insisting that he continue to combine the posts of president and prime minister and retain the right to appoint ministers. His opponents were demanding that he step down as prime minister and allow parliament to approve

government appointments. Yegor Gaidar, the first deputy prime minister, was called twice to defend the governthe public session, when he angrily accused his opponents of ignoring economic reality, then again during the lunch break when he answered questions from

The previous evening Mr Gaidar had said that he and the government would resign if Mr Yeltsin was forced to step down as prime minister. Yesterday Mr Yeltsin was apparently threatening to resign as prime minister and take the issue of his special powers to a referendum if the opposition prevailed at the congress. According to Galina Starovoitova, an adviser, he was even prepared to dissolve the congress and annul the depu-

mandates.

were widely regarded as part of the overall bargaining. Most deputies are too scared of new elections to risk provoking the dissolution of the congress. By evening, a new congress resolution was said to have been drafted, preserving the sharp criticism of the government from an earlier draft, but allowing Mr Yelt-sin to keep some of his special

In the lobbles these threats

powers on certain conditions. The conditions were believed to include an acceptable division of portfolios in the new government. Until the names of the new ministers are announced, however, it will be unclear how much Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gaidar have had to retreat, if at all. Some of the more optimistic reformists suggested that the impasse had come about not because Mr Yeltsin and his government were in serious difficulties, but because the opposition was searching desperately for a face-saving formula to present to its

constituents. Aleksandr Shokhin, a deputy prime minister, told reporters that the resignation of the government would frustrate reforms and force a retreat. It would also place at risk the West's promised economic help. "If government reshuffles and an abrupt change to the current course were to begin," he said, "the promised \$24 billion (£13.7 billion) would be lost."

Briton appointed to key Nato post

By MICHAEL EVANS. DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FIELD Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Britain's top mili-tary commander, has been appointed chairman of Nato's most important planning and co-ordinaring body. the military committee.

The appointment of the chief of defence staff, announced in Brussels yester-day, is only the third time it has gone to a British commander in 25 years. It comes on the eve of a meeting of Nato chiefs of staff and their counterparts from eastern Europe, the former Soviet republics and the Baltic states.

Last week defence ministers of the new 33-member North Atlantic Co-operation Council agreed to discuss military planning and strategy and to arrange joint exercises. Today the chiefs of staff of the 33 countries will begin that process at Nato headquarters in Brussels.

Sir Richard's appointment followed a strong challenge from General José Charlier from Belgium. At a similar meeting last year, the chiefs of staff failed to choose between the two. Sir Richard, who took over

as chief of the defence staff in April last year, will succeed General Vigleik Eide, Norwegian chief of staff, early next year. His appointment will last three years. Since the new post is a full-time job, he will resign as chief of the defence

The military committee coordinates defence planning and other Nato issues. Sir Richard began his military career in 1950 when he enlisted for national service with the Royal Artillery.

He has a reputation as a clear-thinking strategist and has held senior appointments at the Army Staff College, Royal Military College of Science and the ministry of

He was appointed master general of the ordnance in 1983 and later became vicechief of the defence staff. He was the first to be appointed chief of the defence staff without having been head of one of the armed services.

• Mediterraneau force: Nato is to establish a new permanent naval force in the Mediterranean by the end of this month, the chiefs of staff decided yesterday. In the past Nato has deployed a fleet in the Mediterranean only on an ad hoc basis, notably during the Gulf war last year.

A Nato official said the new permanent fleet of six destroyers and frigates from Greece, Turkey and Italy would be based at Naples.

Serb advance sows panic in Bosnia

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO

AN AIR of panic hung over Sarajevo yesterday as the third Bosnian town in a week fell to Serbian forces. The attack on Zvornik. 50 miles to the northeast, provoked Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, to accuse the Yugoslav army of passivity in the face of the Serb attacks.

The frontier town of Zvornik, which lies on the main Sarajevo-to-Belgrade road, was captured by a mili-



tia led by a commander known by his nom de guerre, Arkan. A week ago a highly trained squad of Arkan's men seized thetown of Bijeljina. Yesterday the Serb-dominated federal army took Kupres after clashes with Bosnian-Crost forces.

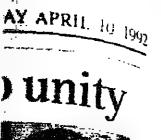
Arkan's militia, which officially comes under the command of the Yugoslav army, has eight tanks but there have been no reports of them being used in Bosnia. The rapid capture of Bijeljina and Zvor-nik was achieved with mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, a lorry-mounted antiaircraft gun and a commando squad of 150 men. IIItrained and poorly armed militiamen have been swept aside by Arkan's soldiers. hardened on the battlefields

of eastern Croatia, By taking Bijeljina and Zvornik, both predominantly Muslim towns, Serb forces have seized control of two of the main roads from Bosnia to Serbia. Yesterday afternoon Bosnian radio reported panic in Visegrad, the third main frontier crossing, and fighting was reported around the town. The objective appears to be to carve out the frontiers of the proclaimed Serbian republic in the south. physically linking it with Serbia proper and the Serb-controlled territories within

While the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army in the north and south of Bosnia is clearly backing its kith and kin, its role in Sarajevo itself has been far more ambiguous. Muslim politicians speculate that a significant part of the military could be persuaded to defect and become the core of a national Bosnian army.



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Tsongas stands aside as Democrats board Clinton bandwagon

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PAUL TSONGAS yesterday announced that he would not re-enter the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and a big effort began to get the party hierarchy to set aside its doubts and unite behind a battered Bill

Mr Tsongas won a remarkable 29 per cent of Tuesday's New York primary vote without even campaigning, and acknowledged that he came "pretty close" to reviving the candidacy he suspended last month. However, he virtually admitted that Mr Clinton had sewn up the nomination with Tuesday's victories by saying that he did not want to be reduced to the role of

The former Massachuseus senator urged his supporters to cease their efforts on his behalf, but he refused to endorse Mr Clinton and gave a stern warning that the party had to adopt his austere economic message to have any chance of winning.

"I intend to have my voice heard," he declared at a Boston press conference. "Hear me well, Democrats and Republicans. The old ways of taking this country into economic ruin and social chaos are over. The people of Amer-ica are ready for a new resolve ... Don't turn your back on

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Mr Tsongas said he had won over independents and moderate Republicans with his unorthodox pro-business message. He urged his party to adopt it before it was seized by Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire and probable independent candidate. The low turnout by uninspired Democrats in Tuesday's primaries "has to be terrifying" the party, he said.

Mr Tsongas was telephoned on Wednesday by



Tsongas: insists on his pro-business message

party chairman, who argued the mathematical improbability that he could overtake Mr Clinton, who now has 1,267 of the 2,145 delegates that are required for the nomination.

Mr Brown, who is anxious to focus the Democrats' fire on President Bush, and Mr Clinton's aides also began making calls to senior Democrats in Washington to urge them to declare for the Arkansas governor. What would finally dispel all talk of late entrants and brokered conventions would be for Mr Clinton to win the support of the 772 "super-delegates" —
mostly congressmen and party officials — who go to July's
nominating convention

unpledged.
Those who received calls included Senator Lloyd Bent-sen of Texas and Mario Cuorno, New York's gover-nor, both of whom have been cited as possible alternatives

New York exit polls showing nearly half the Democratic voters doubted that Mr Clinton had the honesty and integrity to serve as president underscored the anxiety of the party establishment, but there appeared to be a growing consensus in Washington that those doubts had to be



Stars and stripes: a black and white off-the-shoulder dress the by designer Arnold Scaasi modelled in New York this week at his autumn 1992 showing

Japanese housewives lament falling shares

deepening recession

speculative elements of the

Japanese financial world for

their greed and opportunism

perpetrated during the boom

stock speculator - a Michael

Milken of Japan - bankrupt.

He was at the centre of a

share-manipulation scandal

which directly involved

banks and financial com-

Mr Kotani's bankruptcy,

which involved debts of 124

billion yen, was the second-largest after the 410 billion

years of the late 1980s.

A MISERABLE little group of housewives, taxi drivers weary salarymen and even the odd long-haired student yesterday stood huddled out-side the window of a securities broker in Tokyo, gloomily peering in and witnessing their fortunes draining away, apparently unchecked.

bulb-growing region of The As the flashing red digits Netherlands. The show is expected to attract 2.5 million relayed from the world's largest stock exchange indicated another day of severe losses across the board, they President Bush, President watched share prices fall to a Ayiwin of Chile and Cardinal 5 '2-year low. Japanese shares have shed 56 per cent of their Armagh and Primate of All value since their peak in De-Ireland, will be among those

receiving honorary degrees at the University of Notre Dame on May 17. Sali Berisha, aged 47, leader of the Albanian Democratic party, was elected the country's first non-communist president by an overwhelming majority in parliament. The Pope has set up a new

foundation to help the poor in Latin America, to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America II will be financed by \$1 million (ES70.000) left by Pope Paul VI in 1969.

President Biya of Cameroon appointed Simon Achidi Achu as prime minister, gov-

As the Nikkei stock index dropped more than a quarter, Joanna Pitman in Tokyo counts the human cost of

1987. Her anguished cries for guidance, now that her investment has slumped to yet another nadir, reflect Tokyo's desperate mood. Many believe that the financial authorities, in the form of the Bank of Japan and the omnipotent finance ministry could step in on any day and arrange for the market to be "I feel like crying," a dis-tressed woman said. She expropped up. They are not doing so because, it is alleged. they are punishing the more

plained between loud sniffs how she had invested all her savings in 1986 in the newly privarised Nippon Telegraph and Telephone company, the world's second-largest corporation and the undisputed housewives' favourite for investments. She had bought a single share for 3.18 million yen (£13,826). Last night the company's shares closed at 590,000 yen making her share worth less than a quar-

ter its original value.
Undeterred through the falling markets of the first three months of this year, she had hung on to her shares in the belief that the financial authorities would step in and support the Tokyo market, as they have done on such previous occasions as the world

owner, who managed to per-made the Industrial Bank of Japan to lend her 240 billion yen. Ms Onoue, who used the money for rapacious investments in the stock market. under the guidance of a Buddhist bealer, is now in jail suspected of procuring illegal underworld loans. Sympathisers believe that Ms Onoue and Mr Kotani, like Milken, the former junk-bond king. are scapegoats for the trouble

caused by business practices long condoned. has fallen by more than 25 per cent since the beginning of this year and is showing no signs of slowing, the financial executives of Japan's ostensibly invincible corporations are spending sleepless nights, wrestling with the question of how much damage is being inflicted on their business.

Skeletons are tumbling out of the cupboard. On Wednes-However, all is not lost. The financial authorities still have day the Tokyo district court declared Mitsuhiro Kotani, a the health of the Japanese financial system at heart and will not allow the Nikkei average to fall to a point where it could be damaged irrevoca-bly. "They intend to make the greediest upstart elements of the market really suffer before doubtful business practices by Japan's most prestigious they come in and rescue the manager at the industrial Bank of Japan said. "We may have to wait until the summer

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Imelda says she will face jail to bring home Marcos body

IMELDA Marcos said yesterday she would defy a government ban and bring to the Philippines this weekend the body of her late husband, former President Ferdinand Marcos (Abby Tan writes from Manila).

"I am willing to go to jail for it," the former first lady was quoted by her lawyer, Antonio Coronel, as saying after the government said it would not allow the body to return until after the presi-

dential election on May 11. In a statement, the government of President Aquino said: "We cannot risk any disturbance in public order at this time when emotions are

tion campaign."

Mrs Marcos, who is a candidate in the presidential race but is given only a small chance of success, said the ban could only mean that the government was afraid for the prospects of Mrs Aquino's candidate, Fidel Ramos, a

former defence secretary.

Marcos died in Hawaii in September 1989 and is kept in a refrigerated crypt. He was exiled after 20 years' rule as the result of a people power revolt in February 1986.

Highway sinners see the red light

From the glee in my wife's voice when she phoned me at the office I new that something bad had happened. The state of Virginia had

sent me a letter, she chor-fied. "Our records indicate that your accumulated demerit points under Virginia's driver-improvement law require you to attend a one-hour group interview," she read out. "At the inter-view you will have the opportunity to review your driving record and information will be provided on ways to improve your driv-ing habits." Failure to at-tend "will result in the indefinite suspension of your Virginia licence or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in Virginia".

I had been stopped for speeding in Marviand in 1990, and again in Idaho last year. America may have world's highest crime and murder rates, and may be the land of the automobile, where driving is the most inalienable of rights, but violate a traffic law, however minor, and you will be summarily sat upon by the nanny state.

here were 25 of us in L the sin-bin on Washington's outer fringes that night. Doctors and dentists, teachers and lorry drivers, crooks and house-wives. We were made to pay a \$15 (£8.50) fee. We were each issued with a computer print-out headed "Ab-stract of driver history record", which listed our convictions. On cue, Karin Doolittle, our instructor, marched in cheerfully. She spoke for 55 minutes without hesitation, repetition or deviation on the finer points of driving and also on our own miserable

shortcomings.
Last year Virginia summoned 210,000 drivers to group interviews. The programme, begun in 1974, has not produced any sta-tistics to show its effective-ness so far.

Indeed, one participant left the meeting so exasperated that he screeched out of the car park straight into

Martin Fletcher

De Klerk to meet head of the OAU

Abuja: Saying he was on "the most important visit of my career", R.F "Pik" Botha, the South African foreign minister, has begun talks in Nigeria's capital with lke Nwachukwu, his Nigerian

counterpart. Mr Botha is heading an allwhite delegation to pave the way for the arrival late yesterday of President de Klerk. who will have talks with President Babangida, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity. (AFP)

Deal approved

Tokyo: North Korea's parliament has approved ratifi-cation of the agreement signed in January with the International Atomic Energy Agency to permit inspection of the country's secret nuclear factories. (Reuter)

Editor charged Colombo: Sri Lanka has filed charges against the editor of a left-wing newspaper and a former senior police officer who claimed that more than 1,000 people were killed by government-backed death

Intake to be cut

squads in 1988-89. (AP)

Canberra: Australia may cut its intake of immigrants because of the poor state of the economy. Paul Keating, the prime minister, said rising unemployment was behind the move. (Reuter)

Remains faked

Hanoi: Le Chi Tam, chief of police in a Vietnam village, sold animal bones, tree roots and soil to local authorities as the remains of soldiers killed in the war, the Evening News here said. (Reuter)

Limit extended

Sydney: An Australian court has extended the time limit beyond the statutory six years for nuclear test site workers to claim for injury. The govern-ment now faces its first such claim. (Reuter)

Rabbi accused

Jerusalem: Yitzhak Halamish, Israel's chief prison and police rabbi, has been suspended. He is accused of abusing his position, notably by allegedly charging for marriage services. (AFP)

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THEX

yen insolvency last year of Nui Onoue, aged 61, a forstock market collapse of Exiles' return hangs on Iran poll

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

MORE THAN 20 million Iranians vote today in an election overshadowed by the threat of violence between moderates and Islamic hardliners who fear it will further diminish their influence and weaken Iran's anti-Western stand.

The poll is the culmination of the power struggle between the two main factions in Iranian life. A success for supporters of the pragmatic President Rafsanjani would not only woo Western investment but also the thousands of educated Tranians who fled the excesses of Islamic zealotry. Some 90,000 members of

the "disciplinary forces" will be on duty to prevent clashes at the poll, the first since the death of Ayatollah Khomeini began the gradual process of softening the image of the theocratic republic he founded in 1979.

The radicals, whose leading candidate is Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, the mastermind behind the Lebanese Hezboliah (Party of God). allege that voting lists, and even the eventual results. are all being rigged to push

them to the sidelines. Although Western governments are as anxious as President Rafsanjani to see

the hardline majority in the 270-seat parliament disappear, there are fears that radicals might then resort to violence to back their charge that the revolution is

"This election is the most important ever held here. It is being pitched as much to win back exiles with their expertise and hard currency as towards foreign governments hoping for a fresh approach", said one ambassador. "Of course, if the radicals do better than predicted, it will all backfire."

Another younger European envoy explained: "Since I arrived seven months ago. all my Iranian friends are



Rafsanjani: hoping for influx of hard currency

returnees from the West. Frankly, they are more sophisticated than I am, and see this place as somewhere So far the rate of return

has been a trickle, but there are hopes that it could turn into a flood if the zealots ment, their last bastion of power. Already new villas are beginning to spring up in fashionable parts of north Tehran and hotels are planned on a scale not envisaged since the Shah was

One well dressed middleaged woman, who returned recently from Paris, said:



Mohtashemi: claims that ballot is rigged

homes, we can live almost as caviar, Western videos and much less fear of being found out by the 'dress and morals' patrols. If the modcrates win, things should

get even bener." in advance of the vote. whose result will not be known until next month, Brigadier-General Muhammad Sohrabi, the police chief, has made a surprise announcement that draft dodgers who fled during the 1980-1988 war with Iraq can now buy a legal return for \$16,600 (£9,500).

The controversial offer, binerly opposed by the radicals, is a bid by the government to lure back exiles to make use of their foreign education and hard currency investments. The money. equal to about 30 years' carnings at the current minimum wage, will be kept as a deposit and returned to those who relent and complete the two-year term of military service.

The hardliners see the move as another sop to those who prospered under the Shah and then did not stay to face the hardships of

How to save the world

Nigel Hawkes ponders a threat from outer space

s it a bird? Is it a plane? No. it's an asteroid and it's got our number on it.

Some time, although possibly not next week, a huge object from space will crash into the Earth at a speed of 16 miles a second, exploding with the force of a million H-bombs and hurling enough rocks and debris into the air to blot out the Sun. Last week a team of scientists from the American space agency, Nasa, recommended spending \$50 million on new telescopes to watch

the skies and warn of the approaching cataclysm. More modestly, two British astronomers have been given time on the British telescopes in the Canaries to study what are called "near-Earth objects" and try to discover more about them. Dr Alan Fitzsimmons of Queen's University. Belfast, says the subject has been neglected by astron-omers and, while no alarmist, points out that of a thousand objects believed to have orbits that cross the Earth's, we have discovered only 100 and know almost nothing about all but 10.

The objects come from the asteroid belt. a collection of lumps of rock of various sizes which mostly cluster in a ring between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. Some. however, have orbits that cross the Earth's, for reasons not yet plain. Such near-Earth objects may be asteroids, or may be dead comets covered with a layer of dust, something Dr Fitzsimmons would like to settle by studying the way they reflect sunlight.

he American proposal has been greeted with some derision by Washington cynics familiar with the ploys used by scientists to plunder the public wallet. The Washington Times described the Nasa report as a "scam to, take away taxpayers' money", adding that there is no evidence that anyone, in all human history, has ever been killed by an asteroid.

Hold on there, fellas! Maybe it is hard to identify human victims, but there is good evidence that an impact 65 million years ago helped to wipe out a whole species, the dinosaurs. In 1908 an entire Siberian forest was incinerated when an object 200 ft across struck it. releasing as much energy as 20 large hydrogen bombs Last year, a tiny object no more than 15-30 ft across missed the Earth by only 100,000 miles, less than half the distance to the Moon. The Earth's surface, when examined closely, is as dotted with holes as a Gruyère cheese: at least 130 impact craters have been identified.

So the possibility of an impact is not in ques-tion; what matters is how often it might happen and how large the effect would be. Insisting that "the risk is real", the co-chairman of the Nasa panel, Dr David Morrison told The New York Times that we live in a cosmic shooting gallery.

The panel estimates that a proper search might identify between 1,050 and 4,200 Earth-crossing asteroids at least one kilometre in diameter, big enough to disrupt life on Earth by throwing up enough debris to disturb the climate for years or decades. An asteroid this size is expected to hit the Earth every 300,000 years or so. That gives the average person, living for 70 years, roughly a one in 4,000 chance of experiencing such an event. Nasa points out that these may be long odds compared with what people are used to, but are not beyond reckoning. For comparison, the risk of dying in an air crash is one in 20,000.

course, it is one thing to know that the in 1975. Earth is about to be struck, quite another to do anything about it, beyond hiding under the kitchen table. The Nasa proposal is to try to discover more about the risks. With six new enables academics to flex their telescopes and 25 years' observation, they hope to pin down the orbits of 90 per cent of the near-Earth objects and identify those destined to collide with the Earth in the next century or two.

Once orbits are established, impacts can be predicted sufficiently far ahead to consider launching a space mission to an errant asteroid to give it a nudge into a safer orbit. That would be expensive, but less so than sharing the fate of the dinosaurs. For £50 million, plus another \$10 million a year in running costs. Nasa says the new telescopes would be a worthwhile insurance. After an election campaign of short-term thinking, it is a pleasure to consider a proposal as out-of-sight as this one. My own view is that Nasa should be given the money, if only for creating a worry we can all contemplate without anxiety. What is \$50 million to save the human race and keep a few astronomers amusingly employed? As far as I am concerned they can start tomorrow.

Anne McElvoy, in Berlin, talks to young Germans whose fear of foreigners is fuelling the far right

Echoes of the Nazi past

and fear.

he hostel for asylum seekers in Berlin-Lichtenberg has been newly reinforced. The ugly concrete block built by Honecker's regime to house the east's guest workers from Vietnam, Cuba and Marxist Africa now has double strength metal doors and shatterproof windows, in preparation for the next attack by the neo-Nazi groups who roam the

area. These occur weekly. In the surrounding streets where the east's working-class families are industriously renovating their apartments, the hostel is referred to as the "black fleck". A typical resident, Frau Heinzelmann, voted for Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrats in the last elections, but has been disappointed by their failure to stem the number of asylum seekers entering the country. "it's a flood," she says, and her voice grows louder as she warms to her theme, "more and more of them all the time. The boat is full. They are taking

our jobs and our apartments

and someone has to do some-

thing instead of just talking all

number of people seeking asythat fear of the foreigner is by no lum has risen sharply to reach a means confined to the east. This will discomfort many record 35,000 in March alone, and racial attacks have become

the norm. The present restricted

immigration policy has invited

abuse of Germany's constitu-

tionally enshrined right to asy-

lum for the persecuted, and

fuels the arguments of those who

claim that foreigners are cheat-

lasting at least a year, which is

designed to sort genuine refu-

immigrants, but when it has

ended it is impossible to make anyone leave, whether or not

Last weekend's regional elec-tions were fought and lost by both parties on the issue of

foreigners. The sweeping gains made last weekend by the far-

right Republicans in the south

and by the German People's

they have been accepted.

There is a vetting process

es from would-be economic

ing their way into Germany.

westerners, who like to think that racism is an east German phenomenon. How much easier to discuss the alienation of youth in Saxony than the quiet malice of one's own neighbours. There are few who have not reacted in horror to the attacks on fereigners in eastern cities, but many seem surprisingly unaware of the extent of the violence against foreigners in their own towns

We have been treated to patronising talk-shows in which monosyllabic neo-Nazis from Dresden were paraded like dancing bears before horrified liberal western audiences, to be told that the source of their dislike of foreigners was the closed society in which they were brought up. Too much attention is paid to shorn-haired

party in the north demonstrate lads motivated primarily by the desire to shock, and gratified by the panic they cause whenever they lace up their boots. Too little attention has been paid to those who would never dream of taking part in street battles but who use their votes to express their frustration, anger

> This is the group which has been omitted from the chancellor's considerations since 1989 and which feels aggrieved and worried that it is being bypassed in the unity process. Its members have succumbed to deep Angst about their own future in the new Germany. Unlike the east German working class, they have no practical reasons to identify with the process, and would, in their heart of hearts, have preferred the continuation of divided certainties. They are proud of their basic prosperity and scared of it being lost or

voters are very young. A breakdown of the results in the regions which voted on Sunday showed that the overwhelming majority are still in their twenties, and two-thirds were first-time voters. It is no longer possible to blame unwelcome outcomes on the old Nazis. The results indicate that a new political class is emerging in Germany, which does not feel itself represented by the

democratic parties and feels strongly enough to register a If the Christian Democrats and Social Democrats fail to respond swiftly and imagina-tively to increase their appeal to the young, they may see one of the far-right parties emerging strongly, like Jorg Haider's Freedom Party in Austria, as the

home of the consensus-weary twentysomethings.

In the recent elections, the

Christian Democrats in the south played into the hands of the far right by promoting the topic in panic-stricken tones. Only after the result did Chancellor Kohl promise immediate and close co-operation with the opposition and the long overdue implementation of an accelerated vetting process to clear the logiam of those seeking

Until now Germany has put its faith in a common European asylum policy sorting out the problem in Brussels rather than Bonn. But that prospect is too remote to be useful. Bonn must make its uncomfortable decisions alone. The answer may lie with stricter rules on asylum in effect an end to the constitutionally enshrined right to asylum - and a more open policy on immigration instead.

It would be wrong to conclude that there are more racists in Germany than elsewhere, but bad policies can make racists out of usually tolerant people. The democratic right and left will need to employ all their energies to stop the asylum issue fuelling intolerance.

High tables, low punches Il the trees are budding, the Japanese tourists are peeping out shyly from behind their wide-angle lenses, and the sound of the first truly acerbic academic row of the season can be heard reverberating through the courts. It is springtime in brewing for a fortnight. During the usually placid degree cere-mony at the university Senate House last month, three dons stood up when Jacques Derrida was nominated for an Ben Macintyre asks why dons degree was objec-ted to but finally have such vitriolic arguments

honorary degree, and cried "non placet" (it does not please me) — and the ma-chinery of the all-out ed magnificently into Derrida, the famously paque French philosopher of deconstruc-

immediately obvious tocus for internecine university disagreement: he has had no effect ing, unlike Mrs Thatcher (who was rejected by Oxford n 1985) or Lord Hailsham (whose

awarded by Cam-bridge in 1963); he is not a controversial political figure, unlike President Bhutto of Pakistan, who was rejected for n honorary degree by Oxford

None of which has dimmed the ferocity of the dons' dispute, a cyclical event which muscles and say the exquisitely rude things about each other that have been brewing gently

Perhaps it is the requirement to spend many nights of the year dining opposite people they would rather avoid that gives such arguments their unique intelligent than most people, they are required by the eti-quette of college life to be more polite. When this politesse is briefly suspended in the interests of academic debate, the acid boils over.

Derrida, born in Algeria in 1930, argues that language is indeterminate, and meaning as

such is not just elusive but necessarily indefinable: as a philosophical principle it may be open to question, but as a description of the Denida debate itself, it is largely accurate. Like Derrida's works, the argument over his importance has a incomprehensible.

Broadly speaking, the youn-ger, left-wing academics see in rrida a philosopher of essentially iconoclastic merit, whose destructive approach has given the Western literary tradition a much-needed jolt. On the other side are the more traditional and conservative thinkers, who see Derrida's influence as dangerous, obscurantist and his followers as irrational subversives. The fact that he has written some 35 books and once planned a career as a professional footballer may have added to the strength of feeling against him, but in many ways this is a continuation

of the "structuralist" debate of the 1980s. The protestors, while making

the nature of their objections abundantly clear, have so far avoided a definitive diatribe against the French thinker, that will come in time for May 16, when Derrida's worthiness will be put to the vote by the 2,500 dons of Cambridge.
Such debates often take on

a significance distinct from the individuals or principles involved, and the Derrida issue has become an opportunity for other universities to accuse Cambridge of provin-cialism, Francophobia and so

"These things are symbolic," says Dr Brian Harrison, editor of the latest volume of the History of Oxford. "Certainly the Thatcher vote was an occa-sion when one decided what sort of person one was. It was not just a political split, but became a row between disciplines with so

many scientists and mathematicians feeling they had been underfunded The Cambridge English fac-ulty (which Dr Harrison describes as "particularly frac-tious") has often been a fertile

source of academic dispute the battle between F.R. Leavis and Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch in 1926 and the explosion over the views of structuralist English don Colin MacCabe being only the most violent eruptions in a simmering confrontation over scholarly technique.

n February, the high table of Peterhouse became the focus of a bitter dispute over the academic merits or otherwise of one of the college fellows, John Adamson. The argument began with a broadside against Adamson from Mark Kishlansky, professor of history at Harvard, accus-ing him of poor, indeed manipulative, historical meth-

ods in his study of the English civil war. The debate quickly took on an ad hominem slant, prompting Lord Russell, one of Adamson's supporters, to note that the arguments betrayed

scholarship' Donnish disputes often spill over from methodology to the careers of individuals, so obscuring the academic issues and enabling dons from all disciplines, and other universities, to join in. Hence the inflammatory tendencies of the honorary degree. The first of these at Oxford was awarded in 1479, to one Lionel Woodville, whose only claim to distinction was that he was a member of the

royal family. While it is argued by some that honorary degrees should be awarded for merit alone, regardless of politics or other considerations, they have traditionally been used to confer (or withhold) approval.

At Oxford doctorates for Edmund Burke in 1790 and R.B. Sheridan in 1810 were both opposed and holly debated. When the university relented and offered Burke the doctorate in 1793, he declined it, but the honour finally went to his son Richard Burke.

In 1957, the philosopher Elizabeth Anscombe strongly op-posed to the bomb, fought a courageous but futile one-woman battle to prevent President Truman from gaining the honour.

Cecil Rhodes was unable to pick up his doctorate in 1892, and it was agreed to hold it over until he could make the journey. By the time he got to Oxford (in 1899), a select committee had ad censured Rhodes's

"heavy responsibil-ity" for the offensive into Boer territory known as the Jameson raid, and the conferment was The degree was fi-nally awarded when the Duke of York, who attended the ceremony, made it not tolerate any dissension in his

In 1907, Oxford awarded a doctor-

ate in civil law to the Kaiser "the most mighty Prince. William II ... as skilled in the art of peace as in the science of war." After hostilities broke out between Britain and Germany, the honour was rescinded, and a portrait of the Kaiser in docthe Bodleian Library. It was finally rehung in the Examina-tion Schools.

But such disputes allow more than just a peep into the sometimes venomous world of the common room: they provide an opportunity for the layman to observe, if only superfi-cially, the trend of intellectual discourse. Derrida has argued that by contrast with British and American philosophers. French thinkers have a tradition of bringing intellectual and cultural concerns to a wider audience. He can take heart that, if the vote goes against him on May 16, he has at least succeeded in that.

...and moreover

have a pregnant goldlish. But do not write to con-gratulate me. Do not start

Such kindnesses would be premature. I have passed this way before. Every April. I stroll through the back garden, green shoots below, plump buds above, to check for consonant burgeonings in the pond, and, sure enough, every year one of my two dozen fish is duly swollen. It is with egg. It is not always the same fish, but let us not get sidetracked into why this should be, because before we know it we shall find ourselves speculating as to what makes a fish attractive, what makes other fish fancy it one year but not the next, and what the complex social and sexual mores are which obtain in six cubic yards of Cricklewood water to ensure that only one female per annum ever, as my mother would have put it, falls. Having learned to tread warily in the semantics of modern feminism. I do not of course put it that way myself. I do not even know why my mother's generation put it that way, it seems a bit glum. but I don't intend to start rummaging through diction-aries, it's bad enough that my desk is piled high with ichthyological texts. These being what you lug home from the library if you want little fish.

Because if you don't, you have no way of stopping what big fish want, which is little fish. too. but they want them somewhat differently: they want to cat them. For fish are paedophagic: worse yet, they do not gobble only other fish's offspring, they also gobble their own. Why they should have developed this repugnant habit is beyond me. nothing could be more literally counter-productive, but that is what fish do.

It is a source of unremitting annual distress to the caring pondholder. Every April, he is forced to wake from his prelapsarian dream. Once. I was God: I dug a hole to create a little world, I looked upon it and saw that it was good, I said "Be fruitful, and multiply," but I shrewdly rested after the fifth day, believing that if I stopped at fish, all would remain innocent. No one was going to offer fish an apple. I didn't know they didn't have to. I didn't know that fish came with built-in sin. didn't know that when one became fruitful the other 23 swam round it waiting for it to multiply so that they could all

Well, this year I am putting a stop to it. You can do that if you're God, and have a library ticket. I have filleted everything from You and Your Pond to You and Your Fish, and, under their instruction. I have built a nursery. You might not recognise it as such, it does not have Womble wallpaper, it does not have a Mickey Mouse mobile. the uninformed would register it as a tin bath full of weeds and walk on, but a nursery is what it is. Somewhere in the weeds is the pregnant fish, poised to lay a million eggs, and as soon as she does this. I, as galvanised as the

nursery itself, will be on her in a trice and, even as she begins to salivate, will place her on the other side of the loose muslin partition which bisects the bath, go to the pond, select a male, and pop him in beside her. He will then, I am told, begin hurling himself at the muslin, which will allow him to fertilise the eggs, but will not let him through to eat them; thus, after a bit, I shall have a million titchy fish on one side of the curtain, driving their disgusting parents into a gourmand, but impotent, frenzy. I shall then replace the adult fish in the pond.

Fine. But what happens next? The books do not say: I turn the page to find that like some brusque midwife, they have washed their hands, remounted their Rudges, and pedalled away. Leaving me with a million infants, never mind what happens when I plop the parents back in the pond and 22 by-nowravenous diners start shouting 'Where's our bloody lunch?" All that the books say is that baby fish should not be placed in the pond until they are too large to be attacked. Have you any idea what a million fish too large to be attacked will look like? Forget the tin bath, I shall need the

Scrpentine. I have thought long and hard about what I have started, and there would seem to be only one way to finish it. I shall ring up Macfisheries and tell them I am in a position to lay my hands on a reliable supply of whitebait. It would be a terrible waste to let all those little fish go uneaten.

Democracy at bay

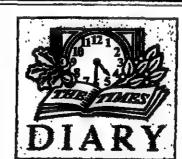
AS VOTERS went to the polls yes terday, Britain's election-free pockets around the country were over-run by those seeking refuge. Foremost among them was Lundy, the tiny National Trust island off the north Devon coast. One of only a handful of places in Britain without a polling station, Lundy found its population of 17 swelled by 70 holidaymakers, unprecedented for the time of year, seeking sanctuary from opinion polisters, canvassers and candidates, not one of whom ventured across the Bristol Channel to solicit the support of the island's 13 electors during the campaign. Wendy Puddy, who answers the only telephone on the island, says:

what else is there to talk about?

They did send us their election

literature, but I am ashamed to admit i don't even know the name of the defending MP. I don't think the other 12 voters here do either."
It was Emma Nicholson.

The island stocks no newspapers, and none of the 26 selfcatering cottages -- currently fully-occupied, as never before at this time of year — has the dubious benefit of television or radio. Any-



way, the electricity supply stops at

The Loch Ness House Hotel, just outside Inverness, took a more cynical approach. Talk of the election was banned in the bars and restaurants while TVs and radios were removed from rooms as part of an "escape the election break". Books, instead of newspapers, appeared at breakfast; ear-plugs and blindfolds were issued free. A full

house was reported. By contrast Burton Green, despite a population of just 1,055, laid claim yesterday to be the most election-saturated place in Britain. Just a pin-prick on the map, the village returns - or helps to return - no fewer than three MPs. The local school acted as a polling station for Rugby constituents, while up the road the village hall was the venue for Meriden voters. Those who fell within Coventry South West had to trek to a neighbouring village, where a tem-porary booth had been installed in a pub car park.

 Anthony Hopkins has been brought down to earth with a bump after his Academy Award success. The actor has returned to Britain for his first post-Oscar engagement: a promotional video for the Post Office. Don't eyer set the dog on the postman again. He might end up eating the canine.

Franks commission

AMONG the least sung heroes of the election campaign were five retired Tory MPs who have spent the past month answering the thousand or more letters a day addressed to John Major which have poured into Downing

The job is a vital one, for a single word out of place could cost hundreds of votes in marginal constituencies, as Matthew Parris discovered when he was Mrs Thatcher's correspondence secretary before the 1979 election.

The five Downing Street agony aunts, who have been working for 12 hours a day to deal with the correspondence, are Sir Robert McCrindle, Sir Hugh Rossi, Sir William Clark, Robert Boscawen and Michael Latham. By yesterday they had replied to more than 20,000 letters.

The letters were divided into 26 ubject headings, and Rossi drew the short straw. Animal welfare has attracted the largest postbag. followed closely by letters from English voters about the threat to the union — which may explain why Major devoted so much time to the subject in the closing days of the campaign.

Anyone who thought the British

election was characterised by low abuse might care to peruse Paul Keating's Book of Insults, an anthology of the more outrageous sayings of the Australian prime minister, published this week in Canberra. His description of the opposition leader, John Hewson, surely beats Denis Healey's famous description of Sir Geoffrey Howe as like being "savaged by a dead sheep". Coming under attack by Hewson is like being "flogged with a warm lettuce". But Keating does not enjoy receiving it

Fig. 1. The second of the seco

When Hewson struck back, calling Keating's faction "the nearest thing this country has had to the mafia in decades", the prime min-ister was shocked. Without a flicker of embarrassment, he denounced such abuse as likely "to lower the esteem of parliament in the eyes of the public".

X-country

WHATEVER else may have been happening yesterday, it was Nat-ional Saltire day. The event could not have been more appropriate. The saltire, a large black diagonal cross, is the emblem of the Thames Hare and Hounds, believed to be the oldest cross-country club in the world, established in 1866. "We realised that millions of our

crosses would be appearing on ballot papers throughout the country," said organiser Mike Allen, so we decided to declare our own national day." A celebratory din-ner was held at the Travellers' Club last night both to mark the occasion and to honour Hugh Bryant and Denis Kensit, the club's two oldest active members.

• If you have not received a personal letter from Liz Taylor in the past few days, do not feel of-fended. Just 84 of the world's most glittering, not to mention richest, have been hand-picked to receive a personal appeal trying to persuade them to fork out over \$1 million dollars for a diamond mask to raise money for Taylor's Aids charity. "For those who think they're on every important list, there's a worldwide list of truly wealthy people more exclusive than the US Senate or the Vatican Curia. Those who haven't received the presentation package and personal letter from Elizabeth Taylor may not be as rich as they think they are," says her office. Thank heavens.

Many of the things that need

doing in this country rely first on wealth creation. The MacRobert

Award rewards those who make the

process happen. I look forward to

seeing Oscar-like interest in this

WILLIAM BARLOW, President,

From Professor Peter Hills, CEng

Sir. The continued separation of our

professional engineering institutions

allows cracks to exist in what should

be a continuum. Solutions to en-

gineering problems and the most

desirable consumer durables are

frequently based across the full

spectrum of mechanical, electrical.

electronic and software engineering.

must reflect this spectrum: industrial

robots, copiers, motor engine man-

agement systems, cameras, com-

puter printers ... all these exist in

spite of the present diversity, not

Further cracks can occur between

the research funding councils. Even

in the Science and Engineering

Research Council's far-sighted en-

gineering design initiative the progress made on the more scientific

and obviously engineering fromts is sometimes impeded by an unwilling-ness for funding committees to

venture into supporting market-related research or consideration of

the human aspects of the design

A belief still exists in many quar-

ters that SERC is all about science and that you go to the ESRC (Economic and Social Research

Council) for the human stuff. This is

not necessarily the fault of those

councils: the members of their fund-

ing committees have been appointed

from this divided base and may not

see the need for a broader, more

Theodor von Karman, one of the

pioneers of jet propulsion, said that

'a scientist explores what is, an

engineer creates what has never

been". Both at the institutional and

at the individual levels our engineers

must recognise this and lobby (like

the scientists do) to ensure a helpful

professional structure and a breadth

of approach to research funding

which reflects the real needs of

Success would lead to more wealth

creation, more exports and less

imports. The whole country stands to

benefit and so, of course, would we

Consultants' defence

Sir. I take strong exception to the

reported remarks (April 6) of Wil-

liam Reid, the health service om-

budsman, who is quoted as saying:

I still find that the old-fashioned consul-

tant cares not one jot for the feelings of the patient. He is completely self-centred and regards any complaint as a distraction.

Even if every complaint received concerned a different consultant and

if every single one was upheld, only a

small minority of the total consultant

body in this country would be

One valid complaint is one too

many, but those dealing with quasi-

legal processes should not include in

British. They have been in Tirana

An intensive programme, initially

for one year, for the retraining of ex-political detainees and their families

is now under way. The objective is to

train a nucleus of instructors in the

skills of management of small busi-

nesses, construction trades, office,

secretarial, and fashion trades. They

in turn will teach these to others, in

order to create for themselves an

sweeping generalisations.

Yours sincerely, MYER GOLDMAN

Liverpool 18.

since January.

April 6.

(Consultant radiologist).

36 Druids Cross Garden.

synthesising approach.

engineering.

engineers.

Yours faithfully.

PETER HILLS

co-ordinatori.

(SERC engineering design

From Dr Myer Goldman

process and its management.

The structure of the profession

The Fellowship of Engineering.

autumn's award.

2 Little Smith Street.

Westminster, SW1.

because of it.

Yours sincerely,

From Mr James Gilbert

Sir. Your leader on the Jason

Donovan libel action (April 7) says:

Probably 95 per cent of libel cases

never get near a court, being senled

early on by apology". You could have added: "and damages and costs to

the plaintiff's instructions". It is so

expensive — and usually futile — to

resist a case, however preposterous it may be, that we publishers simply

grind our teeth and pay up. If we

carry libel insurance, our insurers

will force us to settle: it's always cheaper to settle than fight.

think, in publishers being endlessly ripped off thus by the libel industry.

But it does discourage us from pursuing rogues, which surely ought to be part of the press's duty. Only the

wealthiest newspapers dare contem-

plate any sort of real investigative

ournalism. Of course it is batty to let

iuries decide the size of "awards";

and a side-effect is to cow us

Nor does there seem to be any

hope of reform of Britain's uniquely oppressive libel laws. The libel in-

dustry itself, siming on such a nice

little earner, would surely resist such

a move; and Parliament doesn't

Pilot Publishing Company Ltd., The Clock House, 28 Old Town,

Sir, Your leader states: "Mr Dono-

van agreed that there is nothing

libelious about saying that someone is homosexual". That was indeed the

case put for Mr Donovan, on the

shrewd basis that as The Face magazine had published a grossly offensive poster of him, which sug-

gested that he was hypocritical as to

his sexuality, there was no need for

Mr Donovan to say that it was

defamatory to suggest that he was

The simple fact is that such a

suggestion is defamatory. It may not

be found to be so if one were so

fortunate in court as to have a jury

drawn from Hampstead or the media, but such persons are in no sense representative of the vast

publishers all down the line.

seem interested

JAMES GILBERT

Clapham, SW4.

hamowxxxii.

From Mr Peter Smith

Publisher and Editor),

No general harm done, you might

Implications of libelling celebrities

acquaintance.

Yours faithfully

Thames Television

From Mr I. D. Bruce

works well.

PETER'S. SMITH (Head of

Programme Legal Services).

306-316 Euston Road, NW1.

Sir. The outcome of the libel case

involving The Face has again given

rise to suggestions that the freedom

of juries to determine damages

should be curtailed. Before sugges-

tions like these are acted upon it may

be worth reflecting that the jury-room is one place in Britain where

the democratic process works and

unwillingness to convict under the Official Secrets Act the jury system was generally well regarded and seen as a defender of the citizen's free-

Today the conclusion to be drawn

from the succession of high damage awards by juries in libel cases is not

that juries are capricious and illogi-

cal and ought to be bener controlled,

but rather that they are expressing a

clear public view that publishers who

damage the reputation of individuals

are conducting their business in an

unacceptable way.

Juries are so effective at expressing

the public will and at preserving

individual freedoms that their pow

Your obedient servant,

Northwich, Cheshire,

1 Sandiway Park, Hartford.

From Mr Michael J. Brown

Sir. Juries seem to be less concerned

with the hurt which has been caused

than with the "fame" of the person

defamed. That is logical where the

libel may cause financial loss which

the verdict cannot prevent. In any

should surely be compensated on the

same scale as a pop star or a

Is he not hurt with the same weapon? Is he not healed by the same

means? Shylock would have thought

from the minister that Shaw's bequest to the British Museum was

unrestricted and that when the

British Library subsequently sepa-

rated from the British Museum, no

request was received from the British

Library board for a share of the

Despite this, the trustees of the

British Museum have on many

occasions considered requests from

the British Library for purchase

grants for books and manuscripts

and have so far acceded to all such

requests, including the recent pur-

chase of Shaw's letters to Ellen Terry.

They will, no doubt, continue to

expend the income as Shaw in-

tended, for the benefit of the British

Museum, including the great read-ing room in which Shaw spent so

many of his early days and which he

remembered with gratitude in his

Yours sincerely.
COLIN RENFREW,

The Master's Lodge,

other circumstances a factory worker

I. D. BRUCE,

When juries demonstrated their

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Inverted Commas), with their rather

curious "effect" on a sentence? As an

example, I quote from the window of

a local "greengrocer": "We regret that we will be closed on June 6 for

the 'wedding' of our 'daughter' ".

American, one Canadian and one

3 Sumpter Close.

BDs in EL

Sir, Like Mr Graham Bird (letter, April 6), I note with much more than concern the RA's (redundant apostrophes) which are now so prevalent

are as bad. I manage while singing hymns to pronounce Jesus' as Jesu's (as in Jesu's name), so salving my own sensibilities. But how can I cope with James', Delors', Souness' and

Yours faithfully. SILSOE.

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is homosexual: that advice would also be given by all libel lawyers of my

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sir. The need for an engineering ments in that field.

Individual learned societies have

From the President of the Fellowship

Sir, Mr Brian Warnes calls for "a sort of engineering Oscar". Such a thing already exists as the Fellowship of Engineering MacRobert Award. Established in 1969 by the Mac-Robert Trusts, it was designed specifically to reward innovation in engineering and over the years many of this country's most famous names

The MacRobert Award is given annually, normally to only one winner, and comprises a gold medal and £25,000. Nearly every year since its foundation the award has been presented by Prince Philip, the Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, and a major exhibition is mounted for three months in the entrance to the Science Museum. Since the Fellowship, as the UK's national academy of engineering. took the award under its wing, a lot of extra financial support has been given by both industry and the DTI. Every year the interest shown by the media in the award is minimal, despite the fact that it is given to people and companies who have not

process by achieving real success in The Design Council, 28 Haymarket, SW1. the marketplace.

From Mr N. W. P. Cole Sir. As one whose work involves recruitment into industry, I read with interest your report (April 8) of the survey which indicated employers believe standards of literacy and numeracy amongst school leavers

are slipping.
In my post today I received a letter from a local headteacher, offering the use of his school's facilities. Apart from various grammatical and spell-ing errors, his letter invited my firm to "loan" his school's video. I do not know whether the concept of borrowing and lending is included in the national curriculum, but if headteachers are unable to master this simple idea, what hope is there for

Yours faithfully, N. W. P. COLE, Hawthorn Cottage, Cold Norton, Nr Stone, Staffordshire,

From Mr Joseph Harmatz

Aid for Albania

Sir, I was pleased to learn that the British Council has established a resource centre in Tirana (letter, April 6). Your readers may also like to know that ORT, a British-based international training organisation, was requested by USAID, the leading US development aid organisation, to conduct a survey last

September of the most urgent needs in terms of education and training in this devastated country, and that in

out old trees and vegetation in favour of bleak municipal gravel, the obliteration of real canal history by phoney "Jolly Bargeman" pubs. and the decoration of the whole with the light of its conclusions we sent out three senior consultants - one

dinky fingerposts.

The British Waterways managers seem to have trained in Disneyland. When they get round to labelling this latest scheme, I hope they remember to change "Stairway to heaven" to "Descent into hell".

Yours faithfully. NANCY EAGLESHAM. 25 Brookdale, New Longton. Preston, Lancashire. April 2.

From Mr Douglas Smith

make foolproof arrangements.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS SMITH. 49 Halls Farm Close,

Designing an 'Oscar' for engineers From Mr W. L. Wilson, CEng Many of the things that

"Oscar" raised by Mr Brian Warnes in his letter of April 2, can be said either to be timely or, even more accurately, very late in the day, in so far as it implies a well publicised exhibition of individual achieve-

platforms of their own for honouring individuals and technological triumphs, but these are modest affairs, little observed by the national press. Indeed, I well remember just such a gold medal award to one great engineer, Barnes Wallis, going almost totally unremarked nationally.

I cite an isolated case, but how

many of your readers are aware of Wallis's achievements? By the same token, who knows who played the lead engineering roles in the creation of North Sea oil platforms, Rolls-Royce engines, Concorde, QE2, the atomic energy industry, the distribu-tion of natural gas (in five years nationwide), or the Thames Barrier? Anonymity will not bring recruits to a profession on which we all depend nor can nations survive without converting their natural resources effectively for the benefit of mankind. Our current emphasis on the construction of office spaces, shops, leisure centres and museums is hardly a step in that direction.

W. L. WILSON. 34 Chestnut Avenue, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

ers ought to be enhanced, not diminished. of Engineering

industry have been recognised.

only had a bright idea but have managed to complete the innovative

Literacy standards

was simply to obtain confirmation

so. Jeffrey Archer might agree. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. BROWN, Brown Cooper (solicitors), 7 Southampton Place, WC1.

majority of our fellow citizens. The advice I always give is that it would be highly defamatory to say, without clear evidence, that anyone

Shaw legacy From the Master of Jesus College.

Cambridge Sir, In his article of April 7 in Life & Times, pugnaciously but inaccurately headed "Abuse of Shaw's literary legacy", Michael Holroyd alleges that, in the course of a question time discussion in the House of Lords, "Lord Renfrew ... was happy to see Shaw's obvious wishes largely ignored and Par-liament misled; he approved of the money being spent on refurbishing galleries and modernising the non-

etarian restaurant . . . Perhaps I may assure your readers, and indeed Michael Holroyd, that I do not believe Shaw's wishes to have been ignored (and would be unhappy if they were) and would be outraged to see Parliament misled. Mr Holroyd has used his considerable powers of invention to concoct my supposed views on "the non-

nade no reference whatever.

My contribution to the discussion.

Charitable view From Mr Mike Tuffrey

Sir, You report (April 2) the league table of corporate givers which reveals that cash donations to charities have risen as a percentage of profits. Good news, one might think. In fact it is misleading: there is little evidence that company giving has risen in real terms — merely that profits have fallen. It is still too early o judge to what extent charitable budgets will survive the recession.

The real story is buried in the com-ment you quote from the CBI. Companies are increasingly releasing em-

Jesus College, Cambridge. ployees, or simply giving them en-couragement, to undertake commu-nity and voluntary work. When more companies demonstrate they are indeed corporate citizens, not just by making donations, welcome though they are, but by playing a full part in the life of their local communities with their time and other resources. then there will indeed be cause to celebrate. The community is a stakeholder in business just as much as are investors and employees.

Yours faithfully MIKE TUFFŘEY (Editor). Community Affairs Briefing. 14 Soho Square, W1.

A canal too twee

From Mrs Nancy Eaglesham Sir. Your photograph today (April 2) shows the attractive "stairway to heaven" lock-series on the Grand Union Canal. Alas, the accompany ing report reveals yet another British Waterways "improvement project" which will ruin the area for ever. It lists a marina, restaurant, tearoom, craft shop, visitor centre and all the

other theme-park paraphernalia. One could also add, from my experience of the Lancaster Canal, ncreased car-parking and pollution. 'up-grading" towpaths by ripping

Rail crossing safety

Sir, Were everyone law-abiding and not prey to momentary idiocy the system of half-barriers at unmanned level crossings would probably work as its designers intended. But life is not like that, especially if, as appears from your report. "Three killed as train hits car on crossing" (April 6), you are young and accompanied by companions you seek to impress.

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Surely imaginative engineers could devise a total barrier which, in emergency, would allow exit from the track side by exertion of some pressure but which on no account would permit entry to the track without causing serious damage to the vehicle involved? Apart from saving folk from their own stupidity. British Rail owe it to their train drivers to

Winchester, Hampshire,

others, whose singular is singular but

2 Mitre Court Buildings,

Yours faithfully, J. HARMATZ (Director General), ORT Union Trust, Finchley Road, NW3.

From Dr Robert Baker

Sir. Has Mr Bird also noticed the proliferation of UICs (Unnecessary

From Lord Silsoe, OC

among the BDs (bizarre developments) in the EL (English language). The MA's (misplaced apostrophes)

whose genitive sounds plural?

Temple, EC4.

From Mr Peter Martin

April 6.

Yours "sincerely"

ROBERT BAKER.

Henleaze, Bristol, Avon.

36 Cheriton Place.

Sir. The redundant apostrophe is alive and well, as your radio review (April 7) of Who's Line is it Anyway?

Yours sincerely, PETER MARTIN, Purley Bury House, Lexington Court, Puriey, Surrey. April 7.

THE JAPANESE CRASH V

Had millions of Britons last night not been awaiting a verdict on the next British government they would have been bornbarded with television images of the floor of the Tokyo stock exchange. And they might well conclude that events in the latter venue may have more impact on Britain over the next few rears than any result at the polls. When the Japanese economy gets a bad cold, the American and European economies

should do more than look to their hankies. The collapse of the Tokyo stock market has seen prices fall by an astonishing 60 per cent since the peak in 1990. In the last four days alone, the fall has produced losses that would imply the bankruptcy of every quoted company in Germany. France, Italy and Spain. Since the stock market crash of 1987 on Wall Street the world has become casual about periodic financial "crises". But like the boy who cried wolf, the world economy may not be immune from lasting damage, simply

because there have been false alarms. The Tokyo crash has been bigger than the one suffered five years ago on Wall Street. Because of the structure of the Japanese financial system, stock market values can have a more direct effect than they do in America on industrial investment and Japanese bank lending throughout the

world, including in London. Even in 1987 it was widely argued that a collapse in Tokyo, rather than New York. would be the true historical analogue of the Wall Street crash of 1929. Japan in the 1980s, like America in the 1920s, was the new financial superpower. Japan in the 1990s, like America in the 1930s, has turned out to be the country where industry, banking, stockbroking, speculation and

politics have been most intimately - and dangerously - intertwined. Now that the long-awaited Tokyo crash has become a reality, such historical analogies should not be read too literally. But neither should they be ignored. The world today is stuck in a recession longer and less responsive to the normal instruments of

economic policy than any in living memory. The causes of this recession are similar to the ones that produced disaster 60 years ago. In the 1980s, as in the 1920s, soaring stock market and property values were used to support ever more precarious levels of borrowing. As asset values started falling, the structures of debt were left without foundations; and crumbled.

The collapse of the Tokyo stock market is forcing Japanese banks and insurance companies to withdraw their capital from America and Europe, just as the great American financial institutions withdrew their funds from Britain and Europe after 1929. At present the Japanese authorities seem content to sit on their hands and watch this process of asset deflation unfolding. The Bank of Japan feels unable to cut interest rates sharply, fearing that lower interest rates

would cause inflation, undermining the yen. Unlike America and Europe, Japan has a clear alternative to monetary reflation. Japan is today the only major industrialised country whose government enjoys a surplus of tax revenues over public spending. Its scope for large-scale fiscal reflation is immense. With a substantial fiscal stimulus, the Japanese government could help see that the troubles of its stock market did not induce further

At present, Japanese politicians are too preoccupied with scandals and inter-factional feuding to act on taxes and public spending. Officials in the Bank of Japan and the Ministry of Finance seem positively gleeful as the "bubble economy" is punctured and their political masters are reduced to embarrassed impotence. Herein lies the road to ruin. With the world economy struggling to pull out of recession and America and Europe increasingly tempted by protectionism. Japan cannot afford the luxury of leaving its role in the world economy at the mercy of domestic political score-settling. Its government must act speedily to stimulate the Japanese and world economies, by raising

BOSNIA ON THE BRINK

Any shots in Sarajevo send a shudder through Europe. As many feared, the European Community's recognition of Bosnia-Herzegovina has been followed by fresh fighting in the Yugoslav republic that lies at the heart of the Balkans. Dozens have been

killed in skirmishes in the last few days, 31 in Sarajevo alone. Clashes between the Serbs, who oppose secession, and the Muslims and Croats, who voted overwhelmingly for independence, now threaten this ethnically mixed republic with full-scale civil war. Extremist gangs on all sides are attacking each other at random. leading to retaliatory civilian massacres. Despite a history of mutual tolerance within

groups on a constitutional framework and despite the efforts of Alija Izetbegovic, the moderate Muslim president, Bosnia now appears to be trapped in a vortex of suspicion, fear and bloodshed. European Community recognition is not the cause of the fighting, only a pretext for Serbian extremists to try to enforce with bullets what they have constantly failed to secure by ballot: the creation of a Greater Serbia. Since the EC's decision in December to recognise Croatia and Slovenia, all Yugoslavs have known that the outside world now accepts their country's de facto dismantle-

recognised. The EC only held back to give Lord Carrington and the inter-communal negotiations chaired by José Cutileiro, the Portuguese special envoy, a chance. Having opted for independence, Bosnia now needs outside guarantees of its viability. Neither Serbia nor Croatia have dropped their earlier designs on the territories inhabited by their ethnic kinsmen.

Hardliners round both President Milosevic

ment. It was only a matter of time before

other republics voting for independence were

to stir up trouble in the hope that they can change irontiers. The United Nations is to set up the headquarters of its peacekeeping operation in Sarajevo, but it has no mandate to deploy elsewhere in Bosnia. The EC therefore still has some hope of exerting pressure. On Wednesday it sent a tough message to President Milosevic in Belgrade warning him against his customary medding. Senhor Cutileiro has also told Bosnian

public spending or cutting taxes or both.

leaders that recognition is only the first step in its relations with the Community. If Bosnia wants further EC support its leaders must restrain the militias. Ethnic tensions in Bosnia are less acute than in Croatia. Not all Serbs back the nationalist extremists, and moderate Serb and Croat leaders are willing to work with the Muslims, the largest group. The Yugoslav army has announced that it will not pull out of Bosnia for five years because of the need to

intervene in the fighting or take on the Croats and Muslims. It appears willing to negotiate with President Izethegovic. Yet the scope for peacemaking by outsiders is limited. Yugoslavia is like one of those Russian dolls: within each dispute are concealed ever more intractable local ones. The BC still has not recognised Macedonia because of Greek intransigence, though the 1! are losing patience with Athens over this. Having secured a declaration in Macedonia's constitution that it has no territorial claims on any neighbouring state, the EC

protect the Serbs, but it shows no desire to

cannot withhold recognition simply because of Greek sensitivities over its name. The Community must now use whatever leverage it has through the Carrington peace talks to preserve a precarious peace and force all sides to confront the futility of surrendering to war. War breeds war, and could do so throughout the Balkans, far beyond the

dusty streets of this old Ottoman city. and President Tudjman are looking for ways **MUNICIPAL TWINS**

Traveller's French, learned on the roads between Calais and the Dordogne, has introduced many a British tourist to the rudiments of Gallic civic pride. After the endearing list of boasts that tends to accompany the town sign of Quelqueville - "ses vins, ses huitres, ses èglises" — comes the inevitable "jumelée avec . . . " Few towns seem to lack a foreign twin, however improbable: Beddington and Biarritz? The connections forged between communities after the last war have led to friendships that no government could engineer from above. Now a European Community directive threatens to make

those modest ententes much harder. The most popular use for town twinning is the school-exchange visit. These are smallscale ventures, mostly organised by parentteacher associations with little help even from their education authority. The money is often raised through jumble sales, raffles and sponsored swims, the trips fixed not through big companies but cheaply, with the help of the other town. Children become "twinned" with each other personally, staying in the others' homes. As any teacher will attest, languages are learned far faster in the host country with a local family than by memorising lists of irregular verbs copied from a

textbook. A directive that comes into force in December threatens to put these trips on the same regulatory footing as package tours. "Operators" would be forced to lodge a financial bond large enough to refund all the money paid by those taking the trip and to cover the cost of bringing the whole party back to Britain in an emergency. Lawyers are warning that the directive could prevent schools organising any foreign trips.

The tradition of twinning has a noble origin. One of the first jumelages was born soon after the first world war between Blackburn and the French town of Péronne, where the mayor of Blackburn's son had been killed in one of the battles of the Somme. The mayor fell in love with the town and Blackburn helped raise funds to rebuild

the bridge destroyed in the fighting. The same inspiration to make friends out of shared adversity brought two great victims of the next war - Coventry and Stalingrad to twin with each other in 1944. The rebuilding of Europe in the 1940s saw a spate of twinnings in an effort to restore personal as well as national relations. Coventry is now the most-twinned city in Britain. Its 26 partners run from Dresden and Caen, both also heavily bombed, to Kingston, Jamaica

and Jinan in China. Some twinnings have been excuses for councillors junketing at taxpayers' expense. Diplomatic incidents between delegations have sometimes made an entente less than cordiale. But links forged with Eastern European and Soviet towns during the Cold War are now proving their usefulness: last month, the people of Durham raised £28.000 to send a relief convoy of five articulated lorries, a 17-ton truck, a coach and a mobile home 2,500 miles to Kostroma in the former Soviet Union.

Town-twinning is a good example of Burke's "little platoons" at work. No government intervention is needed, no public expenditure incurred. Charity and enterprise are stirred where they work best, at the lowest possible level between people who come to know and like each other. Don't let Brussels spoil it.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 9: The Prince Edward this evening opened the International Youth Arts Festival Brouhaha at the Liverpool Playhouse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. The Princess Royal, Master, the Worshipful Company of Lorinets, this morning attended the Annual Search and Lecture at Cordwainers College, 182 Mare

Street, London E8. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Colonelin-Chief, the Royal Scots (the Royal Regiment), this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel I. A. Johnstone on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer First Battalion the Royal Scots (the Royal Regiment) and ter on assuming the appointment,

British Olympic Association, this evening anended the Cambridge-shire British Olympic Appeal Dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge and was received by Mrs Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire). KENSINGTON PALACE

April 9: The Princess of Wales this evening attended a Gala Performance by the Kirov Opera and Ballet in aid of the State Maryinsky Thearre, St Peters-burg and the Royal Opera House Trust at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Wing Commander David

Barton, RAF, were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE April 9: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the London Orpheus Choir this evening attended a concert to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Royal Highness in St John's Smith Smare London SWI Square, London SW I.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in The Duke of Gloucester lodgy

visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Durham (Mr D. J. Grant).

In the morning His Royal Highness visited Darlington MIND, St Hilda's House, 11 Borough Road, Darlington, and later opened the new factory of P.C. Henderson Limited

Bowburn, Durham,

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited Alington House Community Association, 4 North Bailey, Durham, and subsequently opened the new offices of Easington Village Parish Council and East Durham Groundwork Trust, at Seaton Holme, Easington.
Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 9: The Duke of Kent, President of the Automobile Association, this morning opened the new Insurance Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Raiph Carr-Ellison). This afternoon His Royal High ness opened the Royal British Legion Housing Association's New Scheme, Curherbertson Court. Dykelands Road, Seaburn,

and then visited Cookson Fukuda Limited, Shiremoor The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, later opened the new Headquarters of the Sage Group, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. Captain the Hon Tom Coke

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 9: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital, this afternoon opened Elleen Skellern House, Phase 2 of the new ward development at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

The Lady Mary Mumford was

sor Anthony Murray, Dr Roswell

Pfister, Dr Thomas Neuhann and Mr and Mrs Richard Keeler.

HM Stipendiary Magistrates Sir David Hopkin, Chief Metro

politan Magistrate, presided at the annual dinner of Her Maj-

esty's Stipendiary Magistrates held at the Middle Temple last

evening. The guests of honour were Lord Justice Taylor, the Lord

Chief Justice-designate, and Mr Anthony Serivener, QC.

The 220th Annual Court of The

Marine Society will be held at 11.45 on Wednesday, May 20, 1992, at The Royal Pharmaceuti-

cal Society, Lambeth, when Mr F.M. Everard, President, The

Moreton Hall announces the

following awards for September

1992:

White Porter Major Scholarship: Sophie Higson. Ripon Grammar School and Moreton Hall.

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ber of Shipping, will give

Marine Society

Moreton Hall.

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the address.

Dinners

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at Guildhail the Masters Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of City Livery Companies and their ladles, Aldermen, Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner, Members of the Court of Common Council and High Officers of the Corpora tion of London and their escorts The Lord Mayor, the Master of the Mercers' Company and the Master of the Grocers' Company were the speakers. Among others

All England Lawn Tennis and honour at the annual dinner of the Ali England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club held last night at the Institute of Directors. Mr

J.A.H. Curry, chairman, presided and Mr J.N. Archer also spoke. College of Ophthalmologists Mr Peter Wright, President of the College of Ophthalmologists, was host at the annual dinner held last night at the Baltic Exchange. Among those present were Dr and Mrs Stephen Drance, Profes-



The Queen of The Netherlands receiving a huge bouquet when she arrived to open Floriade 92 at Zoetermeer yesterday. More than two million people are expected to visit the horticultural exhibition

sculpture libraries in exis-

sence. It's expanded greatly in

the last year," Mr Hopper adds. "The archives are build-

ing up dramatically. We've a great body of photographs of Eric Gill in his studio, and a

wealth of Epstein material

Ambitious plans are under way for interactive videos. Li-

brary users, it is hoped, will be

able to summon up film and

video material, edit it, add

their own text and go home

with their own video

The cost of the new build-

ing will be £4.6 million, with

in budget thanks to highly

competitive tenders coming

in with the recession. Staff for

the centre will be provided by

the city art gallery.
The opening exhibition in

1993 will be of English

Romanesque sculpture. Ben

Heywood, the assistant direc-

tor who is organising it, ex-

plains: "We will be borrowing

12th century statues from the

west front of York Minster

never seen at close quarters before. With these, we hope will come elements from a

narrative frieze, from Lincoln

Adam, Noah and Daniel, re-

cently taken down for treat-

ment following damage by

The Henry Moore Founda-

acid rain."

from the family."

cartridge.

Sculpture centre

Leeds celebrates Moore

By Marcus Binney, architecture correspondent

YET more vigour will be thrust into the arts outside London with the start on the construction of the Henry Moore Sculpture Centre in Leeds, announced recently. Set up by the Henry Moore Foundation, which commands a capital endowment of £50 million, it will promote the study of the sculpture of all nations, from pre-history to the present.

Henry Moore was an art student in Leeds and grew up in Castleford. Robert Hopper, the director of the new centre, says: "Half of the beauty of moving here is the facilities. The City Art Gallery next door has one of the finest collections of 20th century British art outside the Tate Gallery.

"The foundation has helped set up an MA in sculpture at the university. At Dean Clough Mills in Halifax we have established a studio, where we invite two or three major artists each year to create new work. And down the road in the grounds of Bretton Hall, just outside Wakefield, we are supporting the Yorkshire Sculpture

The catalyst for the Leeds Sculpture Centre was the availability of three former merchants' houses close to the city hall. "We wanted an architect who would respond to the site," Mr Hopper says, respect the almost domestic scale of the existing buildings. and produce an architectural statement that was at once strong and restrained."

Perhaps not surprisingly the centre turned to Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones, architects of the hypersensitive extension proposed for the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden.

The terrace of red brick houses had been cut through in the thirties as if by a bread knife, leaving a hastily rendered over party wall facing on to a new square where the city's war memorial now stands. Here the new entrance had to be set. Dixon's solution takes the form of a huge bookend, highly sculptural in texture.

Inside, the houses have suffered unsympathetic uses, Mr Hopper says, "but we want to retain the domestic feeling of the merchants' office at the

The main change will be to fill in the entire space between the rear wings as a double height sculpture gallery. "My brief was to produce bright neutral space that would do nothing to interfere with the sculpture. No skirtings, no ceiling details, no grilles, no visible switches, just white walls like a Cork Street art

"The basic inspiration are the loft galleries you find in New York. Everything de-pends on the quality of light. With each exhibition the sculpture must take over and radically change the feeling of the space," Mr Dixon says.

tion has spread from the care of Moore's own collection at his studio in Perry Green. Hertfordshire to become a not so small British version of The study centre, formerly in the Art Gallery, will move into the first floor. "We althe Getty Foundation in ready have one of the best California.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42. Linlith-gow, 1512: John Wilmor, 2nd: Earl of Rochester, poet and court-ier, Ditchley, Oxfordshire, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician and president of the Royal Society 1772. Stuchel. Roxburgh, 1707: Samuel Hahnemann, physiciar and founder of homoeopathic medicine, Meissen, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, Maidstone, 1778: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army. Nottingham, 1829: George William Russell ("AE"), writer, Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867: George Arlist, actor, London, 1867:

DEATHS: Alexander Nasmyth painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles winburne, London, 1909; Aupust Lumière, ploneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey. Somerset, 1966.

The first British settlers arrived in South Africa, at Algon Bay, 1820.

dom, Portsmouth, at 5.05.

Year competition, will attend the finals at the Concert Hall, Glasgow, at 6.25.

Mr Desmond Seymour Perrett, QC, to be a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.R. Line and Miss A.J. Glenn

Buckinghamshire

Mr D.C. Maunder

and Miss J.E. Rowland

Chattanooga, Tennessee.

and Miss S.F.J. Helland

Mr N.S. McAlister

Mr A.K. Molony

Broadstairs, Kent.

and Miss R.M. Owen

Mr P.J. Swain

Shropshire.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr

and Mrs K.M. Line. of West Childington, Sussex, and

Amanda daughter of Mr M.

Glenn and the late Mrs Glenn

and stepdaughter of Mrs M. Glenn, of The Hale,

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and

Mrs J.W.M. Maunder, of Chazey

Court Farm. Mapledurham, and

Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas T. Rowland, of

The engagement is announced between Niall, elder son of Mr and Mrs Allan McAlister, of

and MIS Adail Provided to Bangor, County Down and Sarah, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Michael Holland, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

and Dr S.J. Greaves
The engagement is announced

between Andrew Kevin, second son of Drs Marcus and Pauline

Molony, of Westbere, Canterbury, Kent, and Susan

Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. MacDougall Greaves, of

The engagement is announced between Patrick son of Mr and

Mrs James Swain, of Bristol, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Frederick Owen, of Oswestry,

The engagement is announced between Lleutenant lain

between Lieutenant (and Whittingham. The Light Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Whitingham, of South Hiendley, West Yorkshire, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Sampson, of White American Company of Mrs. The Mrs. Support.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Professor and Mrs Glynne Wickham, of Clifton, Bristoi, and

Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamish Swan, of Atlanta

and Miss G.L. Pryor
The engagement is announced
between Michael, eldest son of

Brian George Henry Yallop, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Mrs Olenda Garside-Neville, of Harlow, Essex, and Georgina

Louise, eidest daughter of Henry Charles Pryor, of Kensington, and Deirdre Ann Pryor, of

and Mrs V. Moger
The marriage took place in
London on Wednesday, April 8,
1992, between Michael Balfour

Mr N.F.G. Wickham

and Miss K.C. Swan

and Inverugias.

Chiswick, London.

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Mr M. Yaliop

Licutenant J.M. Whittingham and Miss J.C.L. Sampson

Mr P. Ainsworth-Taylor and Miss C.P. Lawrenso The engagement is announced

between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Ainsworth Taylor. of Kyalami. South Africa, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Lawrenson, of Hurlingham. Johannesburg.

Mr R.H.L. Booth and Miss M. King

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr Roger Booth, of Waterhouses, Durham, and Mrs Penelope Anderson, of Fulham, London, and Maxine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. King, of Edmonton, London.

Mr J.C. Cunningham-Jardine and Miss A.M. Hopwood The engagement is announced between John, only son of Captain nd Mrs Ronald Cunningham-Jardine, of Fourmerkland. Anne, only daughter of Lord Southborough and the late Lady

Mr R.C. Harris and Miss S.M. Dixon Smith

East Norton Hall, Leicestershire. Mr L.H. Harwood and Ms M.D. Stone

Mr A.P.T. Henderson and Miss C.E. Perry of Crawley, Hampshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Perry, of Chiswick Mall, London.

Mr J.R.W. Hodgson and Miss A.J. Pedarin The engagement is announced between Jonathan Ronald Ward, son of Mr and Mrs John S. Hodgson, of Cartrae, Berwickshire, and Alison Jane,

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will take the salute at the Lord High Admiral's Divisions at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, at 10.30; will attend a dedication service in the chapel for a special entry book of rememberance: and, as President of the National Playing Fields Association, will attend a reception in support of the Hampshire Playing Fields Association at IBM United King-

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of

Princess Alexandra will take the sahue at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, at 10.25.

Appointments

Southborough, of Eaton Square,

The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Joe Harris, of Brackenburgh, Cumbria, and Susie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dixon Smith, of

The engagement is announced between Laurence, second son of the late Mr and the Hon Mrs A.C. Harwood, of Forest Row, Suss and Melissa, middle daughter of Donald and Andrea Stone, of San Francisco, California.

The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Mr Ian Henderson and of Mrs Imelda Henderson.

daughter of Mr and Mrs John W. Puckrin, of New Marske, North

Mr L.M. Kett

und Milm G. Golde The engagement is announced between Laurence, elder son of Dr and Mrs Gary Katz, of Hampstead, London, and Galit, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Haim Golds, of Herzia, Israel.

Mr J.C. Lauge and Miss A.J.A. Street The engagement is announced between Christian, only son of Mr and Mrs James Lange, of High Barn, Limington, Yeovil, and Anika, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Street, of Berwick St James, Salisbury.

Birthdays today

Lord Brookes. 83: Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, IBM UK, 54: Mr Aidan Crawley, former chair-man, London Weekend Tele-vision, 84: Earl De La Warr, 44: Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing. 83; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 57; the Earl of Granard, 77; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liveroool Acad-emy of Arts, 60; Mr J.H. Holroyd,

Hutchings, son of Ann and the late Ben Hutchings, and Victoria Moger, daughter of Tony and Rosemary Trollope. First Civil Service Commissioner First Civil Service Commissioner, 57: Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 52: Professor Kathleen Major, former principal, St. Hilda's College, Oxford, 86: Mr. Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 55: Mr. David Moorcroft, athlete, 20: 146.

39: Lord Morton of Shuna, 62: Str Robert Rhodes James, former MP, 59: Mr Omar Sharif, actor. 60: Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director, Sunrise Tele-vision, 42: Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 49.

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SARSBY - On March Sist. at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Lorruine and Jonathan. a son Andrew

WHEATLEY - On April 8th 1992. To Marie-Caroline, wife of Vere, a son Mathews.

BAKER - On April 7th 1992, peacefully at St Luke's Hospice, Janel aged 7th years widow of Nea, beloved mother of Thomas and Philip and musch loved witer of Ambrose, Funeral Service at St Petroc's Church, South Brent, Devon, on Wednesdas, April 15th at 1 am followed by inferment Family Rovers only, donations to St Luke's Hospice, Turnchapet, Plymouth.

BRENETON - On April 8th BRENETON - On April 8th 1992, peacefully, William John, beloved husband of Dorls much loved father of Piers and Certila and much loved grandfather of Nigel. Alice and Lucy Funeral Service at St George's Church, Rhos on Sea, on Monday April 13th at 2 pm. followed by inferment in the parish churchyard Engulires to T Conchar & Sons let 10492: 532206

COOKE - On April 7th 1992, suddenly. Frances Evelina (Fanny) of Gestingthorpe. Essex. Widow of George Cooke D.F.C. and much losed mother of John. Simon, Corinna, Paul and of the late William and Nicolasadored grandmother and great grandmother. and riend to many in need. Funeral private and please no flowers Donaltons may be sent to St Mary's Church. Cestingthorpe c/o The Rev. k. Belben.

CORNAH - On April 7th 1992, Anthony George, aged 63, following a short illuses. Pariner in Stater, Heelis & Co Solicitory His wife Sue and children Simon, James and Sarah and daughter in-law haren togyther with his mother Netta brother Robin and sister in law Kaths loved him and will miss him greatly. Service at Swann Lane United Reformed Church, Cheadle Haime, on Tuesday April 14th at 12 45pm prior to committal at Macclesticid Crematorium at 2pm Family flowers only piesse, donations if desired, to Beechwood Cancer Care Centre All enquiries and donations to Ben Lioyd IF D 11d 51 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, let 10611 486-3135

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SALEBY - On April 7th,
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John Wittlam T D.,
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WILLIAMS - On April 8th, peacefully. John Mason, beloved husband of Winlfred, dear faiher of Jill and Jacqueline Much loved grandpa of Jemma Christian, Annabel, Michele and Edward Funeral Service at 1.30 pm on April 15th el Avinglon Church No Rovers or letters please but donations, if desired, in Ms mentory to The National Kidnes Research Fund, 42 Lower Marsh, London SE1

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

MATHAL - Bimal Krishna, MA. Ph.D. Harvardt Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics and Fellow of All Souls College 1975-91. A Commemoration will be held in the Old Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Child Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library, All Souls College (1976-91) A Commemoration will be held in the Library and Domestic Bursar 1970-90 A Memoral Service will be held in the Library and College 1970-92. Estates and Domestic Bursar 1970-90 A Memoral Service will be held in the Library and College 1970-92. Estates and Domestic Bursar 1970-90 A Memoral Service will be held in the Library and College 1970-92. Estates and Domestic Bursar 1970-90 A Memoral Service will be continued to some only in respect of the balance will an in the continue of the case of the balance will be held in the Library will be required to the case of the balance will be held in the Library will be required to the case of the balance will be held to the case of the balance will be the case of the balance will be required to

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(b) To cast or shed exavine: "The young craylish exavine two or three times in the course of the first year. Crabs of mature age and full size cease to **OUINCUNX** (a) An arrangement or disposition of five objects so placed that four occupy the corners, and the fifth the centre, of a square or rectangle, from the Latin quinque five + uncla an ounce: "They slog Quincums of the Hyades upon the neck of Taurus."

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Ronald Eyre, stage and television director, died on April 8 aged 62. He was born in Yorkshire on April 13, 1929.

THEATRE directors are not by nature a reticent breed. Ronald Eyre was the exception. He was shy, at times almost reclusively so, apprehensive about being watched and judged by friends and critics alike. He could not pretend, as others could, to care nothing of first night notices. Indeed first nights were often a penance and on more than one occasion he could not bear to attend his own.

Ronald Eyre once described himself as a perennial new boy. He worked, usually with considerable success, for many of Britain's major companies: the Royal Court, the RSC, the National, Covent Garden, But he was a member of none of them and he never had the air of being a potential "company man". When it looked as though he had found his exact directorial niche and he was just as likely to be found in the commercial theatre as in the subsidised one - he would slide away from it and surface somewhere quite different.

There was rarely in Ronald Eyre's career a feeling of natural progres-sion, of success leading to success. In 1982 he was entrusted by Covent Garden with a prestige production of Verdi's Falstaff, which marked Carlo Maria Giulini's return to opera in the theatre. It had opened in Los Angeles and was in part respon-sible for that city's decision, later, to found its own opera company, it came to London and went on to Florence. It was an autumnal view of Verdi, introspective rather than rumbustious, and one much favoured by Giulini, with whom Eyre got on well. But the musical offers did not flow in thereafter as might have been expected. Seven years passed before Eyre directed another opera in a major house. Peter Grimes for Opera North.

The complex and often elusive character of Ronald Eyre had its roots in Yorkshire. He was a coalminer's son and, pushed quite among his pupils.

Harold Romberg, OBE, judge at the Supreme Res-

titution Court in Germany,

died at his home in Bath on March 17 aged 79. He was born in 1913 in

HAROLD Romberg was the longest serving British official

in post-war Germany. He

served there with the army,

the Control Commission, and

the British military govern-

ment in Berlin from the be-

ginning of allied occupation

in 1945 until reunification in

Born of British parents in

Vienna, he grew up in Austria

where he qualified as a law-

yer. In 1938 he moved to

England and shortly after-wards joined the British

Army. While in the army he

In 1945 he went to Ger-

many to work in the adminis-

tration of justice branch in

the British zone of occupa-

tion, and then set up the Central Legal Office which

was effectively a ministry of justice. Here he was responsi-

ble for the review of all Ger-

man ordinances in the British

zone and the vetting of ap-pointments of senior German

judges. After leaving the army

he remained with the Control

Commission as a senior legal

assistant and in 1950 moved

to the office of the legal advis-

er at the UK high commis-

sion in Bonn, where he

read for the English Bar.

HAROLD ROMBERG



hard by his parents, won his way to Oxford via intelligence, hard work and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield. In some ways he resembled his fellow Yorkshireman Alan Bennett, two of whose plays he was later to direct in the West End (Habeas Corpus and the enigmatic Enjoy). He shone quite brightly at OUDS among the likes of Peter Parker and John Schlesinger, but drifted into teaching in the North of England, where Russell Harty was

advised on German and al-

In 1953 he transferred to a

Foreign Office legal appointment in the British military

he set up the Supreme Resti-

tution Court for Berlin and

served as its registrar. This

court, with Its British, French, US and German

judges and a Swedish presi-

dent, handled more than

7,000 cases of claims for the

restitution of property expro-

Harold Romberg re-mained in Berlin with the

court and in 1974 assumed

additional responsibilities as

legal adviser to the British

military government. In

1988 he was appointed a

judge in the court in Berlin,

as well as in the Supreme

Restitution Court In Munich.

an amalgamation of the three

former zonal courts. Al-

though working from his home in Bath since 1985 he

continued to travel regularly to Germany to work in both

courts. With the reunification

of Germany and the cessation of allied powers, the courts were handed over to the fed-

eral German ministry of

justice.

priated by the Nazis.

from Russian stories, and he began to understand the complexities of casting. He was meticulous in this latter area when he moved into the commercial theatre and some of his best productions, such as When We are Married (Whitehall, 1986), were marked by the attention he gave to even the smallest role. He made his directorial debut at the Birmingham Rep and then soon found his way, like his fellow North countrymen and contemporaries John Dexter and Bill Gaskill, to the Royal Court, then home of all true

amount of guile was necessary and

he became wary, even suspicious. of

those around him. He wrote his own

plays, for both radio and television,

including a number of adaptations

theatrical liberals. There he made a success of his first production, Three Months Gone, a Donald Howarth cornedy which paired Diana Dors and Jill Bennett. Earlier he had attracted some critical attention with a play about a young soldier by John McGrath at the Hampstead Theatre Club, Events While Guarding the Bofors Gun.

At the Court his biggest - and most controversial - success was Veterans by Charles Wood. It starred John Mills and John Gielgud as two dyspeptic actors on location in a big-budget movie. Insiders immediately recognised this section. Picheadlers' The Charge of as Tony Richardson's The Charge of Light Brigade. Sophisticates at the Court were not worried about some outspoken language (for those days) from the lips of the two theatrical grandees, but out-of-town audiences had been less open-minded on the pre-London tour and Veterans did not get its expected West End transfer.

In the same year as Veterans, 1972, Eyre had a success of a very different kind with the revival of a forgotten comedy by Dion Boucicault, London Assurance. This and Much Ado were the best of a number of productions he did for the RSC both at Stratford and at the Aldwych. For Boucicault he used his own skills as a playwright to remove quantities of fustian dialogue in restructuring a creaking melodrama to contemporary taste. Bolstered by performances by Donald Sinden and one of Eyre's favourite actresses, Elizabeth Spriggs, the results New Scientist some thirty delighted Aldwych audiences and showed that Eyre the writer was just as skilful as Eyre the director.

The same talents were on view in his first venture into opera after he had spent much of the mid-Seventies on a massive series for BBC2 on the religions of the world, The Long Search. The opera was Berlioz's Beatrice and Benedict, a work reckoned to be fine on the concert platform but full of pitfalls in the theatre. At the Buxton Festival, then only in its second year. Eyre covered over those holes with quite a lot of his own words. Drawing on the experience of that RSC Much Ado and realising the potential of a husbandwife team soon to become famous, Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, his first opera production was also probably his best.

In the Eighties Ronald Eyre could not always summon up the sureness of touch he had shown in the previous decade. A St Joan for the Natlonal was a failure and there is little doubt that he was wounded by the fact that Falstaff, by which he had set much store, did not bring an attractive return invitation from Covent Garden. But there were suc cesses, notably a revival of John Osborne's A Patriot for Me (which he could well have seen during his Court days), and Priestley's When We are Married. He worked with Ronald Harwood: J. J. Farr had only a modest run despite the presence of Finney, and only last year he directed The Dresser in Tokyo. Hls final West End production was A Walk in the Woods (Comedy, 1988) with Alec Guinness giving a feline performance as the diplomat.

Last year most of Eyre's work was done for television, principally religious programmes made for both the BBC and the commercial chan-nels. In some ways this marked a return to his continuing interest in matters spiritual, his own and those of others, which he had explored 15 years ago in The Long Search.

APPRECIATIONS

Isaac Asimov

MAY I add a rank and file appreciation to your comprehensive and sympathetic obituary of the master ? In my review of the science fiction scene for a very early issue of years ago, I had called the genre the "jazz of literature" and thus Asimov (obstuary April 7) may well have been the Gershwin of letters. though perhaps it would be more fitting to call Gershwin the Asimov of music!

While people like Cernsback, Campbell, Clarke and Heinlein gave modern science fiction its overall form and content, it was Isaac Asimov who best personified the ordinary aficionado. His polymath approach was to us the perfect antidote to the tyranny of overspecialisation. His consistent clarity was rare and welcome relief from pretentious jargon. And the breadth of his humanity and humour has counteracted (and will long continue to do so) the false certainties of the single issue fanatics.

Ian Menzies

ISAAC Asimov wasn'i just a writer of science liction and

so in Northern Ireland. This

the Attorney, was assiduous in his duties in extremely dif-

ficult cirucmstances. I well

recall the skilled yet practical

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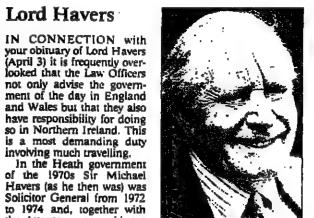
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popular science. He was a convinced and committed rationalist and humanist.

He was very active in the member of the American Humanist Association (and on the editorial board of the American Humanist magazine), of the prestigious Academy of Humanism, and also of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of and he was a prolific writer and speaker in magazines and at conferences.

Nicholas Walter



clopaedic knowledge of the brothels of Alexandria, knowledge I hasten to add not gained from personal experience, but rather from having to extricate his sailors back to his ship during the war.

> Sir William van Straubenzee, MBE

Harty once wrote that Eyre was an inspiring master, but four years of dealing with less reponsive students was enough for him. In 1956 Eyre landed a job through an advertisement as a BBC drama director, mainly, he claimed, because he had aiready been turned down by the BBC's appointments board. That, the drama head at the time reckoned, was an excellent qualification. The BBC proved to be both training ground and stepping stone: Eyre learnt that to succeed a certain

MILTON RACKMIL

Milton R. Rackmil, who was a cofounder of Decca Records and led the Universal Pictures studio in Hollywood for two decades, died after a stroke in a Manhattan nursing home government in Berlin, where on April 2 aged 89. He was born in New York City on February 12, 1903.

> MILTON Rackmil was a man who rose to success by defying popular predic-tions. In the 1930s, when the general view held that the expansion of radio would sound the death knell of gramophone records played in the home, he guided Decca to phenomenal success. In the 1950s, when head-shakers foretold the extinction of the film industry with the rise of television, Rackmil plunged into the fray and transformed Universal from a producer of B-grade movies into one of the most successful studios in

Hollywood. Born on the Lower East Side of New York, the son of a carpenter, and growing up in Brooklyn, Rackmil started the hard way. As a boy he earned pocket money by selling chewing gum and shining shoes.

He took night classes at the University of New York, studying to become an accountant, and joined the Brunswick Radio Corporation in Manhattan in the early 1920s. He rose to the post of chief comptroller and general manager of the company's plant in Pennsylvania, and helped to form the Brunswick Record Corporation in 1932.

He was the author of the Believing that the growth of radio German official history of the would spur demand for records, Restitution Court, and of a Rackmil branched out on his own in concise and popular overview 1934 and founded Decca Records with of the English legal system in German. He is survived by the help of two partners. He began as treasurer, became vice-president In



1945 and graduated to president in 1949.

From the outset, while other companies were trying to save money by employing little-known performers, Rackmil pursued a policy of going for the top names. Before long, Decca's stable included Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, the Andrews Sisters and virtually every major star of the swing era. Their records, in the old 78 rpm format, were sold for 35 cents, with a hit tune on each side, and Rackmil went on to pioneer the new, unbreakable, long-playing records.

Decca began to dominate the industry to such an extent that it attracted the wrath of the federal government. To-

gether with its associates, Decca Records of London, and Deutsche Grammophon, the company faced an antitrust suit charging that they had divided up international markets in a non-competitive cartel. Decca surrendered, and the practices were ended after a consent decree in 1952.

Rackmil, meanwhile, was turning his attention elsewhere. In 1951 Decca had become the largest shareholder in the Universal Pictures Company, and he moved to take over as president in 1952. was a troubled time for Hollywood: in addition to the threat of television, the studio-contract star system was breaking down and productions were becoming ever more expensive.

At the time Universal was turning out is-than-epic pictures, such as Ma and Pa Kettle and Francis the Talking Mule. Rackmil changed all that, later believing that video and the cinema would be as complementary as records and radio had proved.

The films became bigger and slicker, attracting such stars as Cary Grant, James Stewart. Kirk Douglas, Doris Day and Rock Hudson. Among them were Spanacus, The Glenn Miller Story. That Touch of Mink, and Pillow Talk.

There were problems, including a proxy fight at Decca in 1954 and a reversal of fortune at Universal in the winter of 1957-58 when he shut down production and fired hundreds of workers. But Rackmil survived to see the takeover of both companies by MCA in 1962, and remained at the head of both

until his retirement ten years later. Milton Rackmil's first marriage ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife and the daughter of his first mar-

Sir Richard Smeeton

WITH reference to your obituary of Sir Richard Smeeton (April 6), at one of the last traditional Fleet Reviews at Spithead in the 1960s, at a time when the then Conservative government had decided to make drastic economies, particularly in the Navy, an impressive massed (light of all the Fleet Air Arm Squadrons in the area was arranged. It took place before the assembled ships departed and, piloted by Admiral Smeeton in the leading aircraft, proved the most effective protest possible against the government's

No one present could fail to be affected, both then and

later, when the Admiral re-

tired early - quite possibly in

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commissioned by Mr Bernard Shaw" was thought to be offensive when it came to the attention of the Lord Chamberlain at a time when that official had the power to

decide what was seemly on the stage and what was not. The

THE LORD

Lord Chamberlain concerning two sketches in the revue Stop Press at the Adelphi Theatre were dealt with by Mr. Dummen at Bow Street Police Court yesterday. Fines of £50, with £2.5s, costs

each, were imposed on Mr. CLIFFORD WHITLEY, premonses for causing

A summons against Mr. THOMAS HENRY BOS-TOCK. licensee of the theatre, to show cause why his licence should not become void or suspended for any specific period, was adjourned for a week for the magistrate to consider

Mr. DUMMETT said that in his opinion there had been a deliberate and grave infringement of the law. He could not refrain from thinking that this was deliberate and rehearsed,

summonses. In one instance there was objectionable vulgarity, and the other was sexually offensive. Mr. Bostock was a busy man, the controller of eight theatres but no business man of his capacity would fall to take steps to make him perfectly cognizant of what was going to be produced. Mr. A. Lawson-Walton, for the Director of Public Prosecu-

tions, said that the script of Stop Press was submitted to the Lord Chamberlain on January 29 and was licensed by him subject to certain afterations. The summonses related to a part of two sketches. The first was entitled. Epstein Commissioned by Mr Bernard Shaw. The sketch, as licensed. concluded with the words spoken by an actor representing Mr. Bernard Shaw, "No. I am adapting Back to Methuselah as a talkie short." As the sketch was presented, the actors, after speaking these words, returned to the stage and informed the audience that they were going to make a joint broadcast to the English-speaking people. A hand microphone duced, and after some whisa labial imitation of a vulgar

The whole thing must have been very unpleasant to two highly respected public characters, and it was inconceivable that this sort of thing could be tolerated.

The second sketch represented a society wedding, and in the first part there was a bedroom scene, followed by a mock marriage service.

said that they would plead "Guilty." The prosecution he pointed out, referred to two brief incidents in a play which occupied three hours and which was otherwise not objectionable. There was no charge of obscenity. On behalf of his clients he tendered a most unqualified and absolute expression of regret for having infringed the rules of the

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Mr. Harold Murphy, for Whitley, Short, and Newman,

School trips threatened by holiday safeguards

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A NEW European Community directive on package holidays may undermine town twinning and school exchange visits by placing impossible burdens on organisers, according to a travel industry lawyer.

Under the directive, which comes into force in December, any individual or group arranging a trip that includes at least one night abroad will be treated in the same way as a professional package tour

Organisers will have to lodge with a third party a financial bond big enough to refund all the money paid by those making the trip and to cover the cost of bringing the

Record bets on election

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the last polls changed the odds. Yesterday morning the Tories were hot favourites, but Labour were back as front runners by a neck by 3pm. Two hours later, they had lost their brief lead.

Paddy Ashdown remained at about 250-1 throughout to form the largest party, ending the day at 300-1. One customer in Wembley put £500 on him, which would have produced a profit of £125.000. Another punter has put £5 on the Natural Law Party commanding a simple majority. If there is a late surprise, he will collect £250,000.

Had Screaming Lord Sutch won in all three constituencies of Huntingdon, Islwyn and Yeovil, beating all three party leaders, he would have collected £5 million. He did not.

Lucky the punters who followed the advice of The Times last week who were recommended to do a double on Party Politics in the Grand National and one of various outcomes in yesterday's poll. The horse did the business at 14-1. Whatever result you combined it with, you will not do worse than a 20-1 payout as the results unfold.

whole party back to Britain in an emergency. Failure to do so could lead to criminal charges and unlimited fines.

Tim Robinson, a senior partner in the London law firm Nicholson Graham and Jones, which represents leading tour operators and travel firms, said the directive could prevent some schools organising foreign trips. "The prin-ciple of providing the maximum protection for the purchaser of a family holiday is laudable," he said. "What has not been properly fore-seen is the effect on other

The directive says that any-one who "otherwise than occasionally" organises package trips is covered by the new rules. A package is defined as pre-arranged combination of transport and accommodation sold for an inclusive price. Mr Robinson sald: "If a

school, a local council or a chamber of commerce arranges three trips a year to a twin town, who is to say whether that is occasional or not? The courts will have to decide. In the meantime schools and local authorities would be well advised to play safe and take out appropriate insurance, or purchase a bond from a bank or an insurance company. Whichever they choose, the cost of trips will rise."

If the courts ruled that the

directive applied in full to such trips, schools and councils would have little alternative but to hand over the organisation of trips to package tour operators, Mr Rob-inson said.

Although the travel industry would press for exemption small scale organisers such as schools and councils. the issue might have to be tested in the courts before the law was clarified.

Mr Robinson, an authority on travel law, is preparing a paper for the trade and industry department on the implications of the new directive. The department said that the position of schools and councils was being examined and a final decision would be made by the incoming government



Poll shows voters prefer coalition

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that Mr Ashdown would be best. However, only 1 per cent of Tory supporters think that Mr Kinnock would be the best leader of the country. Thirteen per cent of Liberal Democrat backers put Mr Major first and 9 per cent named the Labour leader.

Although the weather was fine in most parts of the country, there were a few hitches in voting procedures in some areas. Electors were forced to use a car boot as a polling station in Bishopsworth, Bristol, after vandals superglued the locks on the doors at the local voting point. In Lincoln-shire two polling stations had to be covered in brown paper because the Tories complained that they had been painted in Labour's colours of red and yellow.

Northern Ireland went to the polls under the shadow of the gun, with thousands of armed police and troops guarding the 582 polling sta-tions against IRA attack. If there is a hung parliament, the Uister Unionists could Leading article, page 17 and would be favourites for

ries. Although James Moly-neaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, has said he will make no deals with whichever party forms a minority govern-ment, he has said that his party would not wish to inflict another early election on the public without good cause.

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Guardian may buy **Observer**

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Guardian and Man-chester Evening News group confirmed yesterday that it was interested in buying the Observer from Tiny Rowland's Lonzho, which is struggling to re-duce its £850 million debt

Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times, said it was not interested, and reports that Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of The endent, last week offered Lonrho E16-E18 mil-lion for the Sunday newspaper were neither confirmed nor denied yesterday. Paul Spicer. Lon-rho's deputy chairman, refused to comment, as did

Mr Whittam Smith.
Mr Rowland, who has always taken a keen personal interest in The Observer, was away in South Africa all last week. It is thought that Lonrho would want at least £30

Dublin regrets abortion case

By EDWARD GORMAN AND TOM WALKER

HARRY Whelehan, the Irish Attorney-General who per-sonally took the decision to seek injunctions preventing a rape victim aged 14 from having an abortion in Brit-ain, sald yesterday he regret-ted the trauma it had caused. Mr Whelehan, who was in Brussels seeking clarification

from EC legal experts on a "solemn declaration" by member states acknowledging the right of Irish women to travel abroad to have abortions and to have access to information on abortion, said he had no doubt he was right to pursue the case.

The Supreme Court and the High Court all said I had no option but to do that," he said. "In so far as I was doing my duty and had no option. can have no regrets. As to the trauma it caused to individuals and generally, it is a matter of great regret to me."

The Attorney-General's statement came as Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, named June 18 as the date for the first referendum on the Maastricht treaty. Mr Reyn-olds had told the Daii last month that Mr Whelehan had upheld the constitution

as he was bound to do. If an Attorney-General had turned a blind eye in such circum-stances, how could he be trusted in other matters, Mr Reynolds had asked. Mr Whelehan said his talks

in Brussels yesterday had been helpful and positive. After the rejection by the EC of an attempt by Ireland to change its anti-abortion protocol to the Maastricht treaty earlier this week. Dublin has been forced to accept a declaration on the right to travel and to information, despite the fact that it will not be legally binding. The Irish government fears that a campaign by Liberals and by antiabortionists could defeat the

treaty when it is voted on. The controversy arose after an interpretation of Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion by the Supreme Court last month [which is protected by the protocol to the treaty), which found that the rights of the unborn should take precedence over the right to travel, a view in contraven-

tion of EC law. Mr Reynolds yesterday defended his decision to delay

referendum until after Maastricht. Speaking in the Dail he attacked what he said were. 'emotive and outrageous". statements by those attempting to turn the Maastricht referendum into a vote on

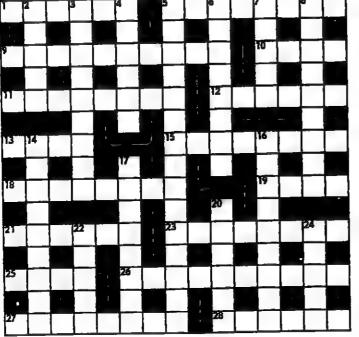
"It is in the interest of this nation and its people, and in: our attack on unemployi and in farming and in all the areas down through every sector of this economy, that Maastricht gets a full and open debate," he said.

Opposition to the decision

continued last night. The Progressive Democrats, the junior coalition partners, are known to be unhappy at the decision, which has also been attacked by Labour and Fine Gael Niamh Bhreathnach, for the Labour party, said as a woman aware of the importance of the role played by the EC in improving women's a rights, she wanted to support Maastricht. She said she was worried that the government might renegade on its commitment to hold a travel and information referendum at a later date.

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ACROSS

- Leading policemen advanced quickly in rank (6).
- 5 Lydia left suffering (8). 9 Am I unable to use bar for support! (10).
- 11 Generate reforms in youth (8). 12 Loathing getting warm out east
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- be... (9,6). 6 ... a goddess covering the right
- underground line (8). 7 Mounted group can be thrown
- 8 Incorrigible cold nurse treated
- 14 Softening me up till one struck
- 16 One that sings very loudly in church after tea (9). 17 The chap to work on a scarf (8).
- 20 Phlegm always in the way? On the contrary (6).
- 22 Gorge, taking a breather during speech (5).
- Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

24 Fit worker into business (5).

WORD WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

METRICIAN Harlot-like A scholar of Merion A writer of verse EXUVIATE

. To mouli . To mouli QUINCUNX
a. Symmetrical arrangement of five
b. Whosoever
c. A warlock

FIRKIN a. A small wooden barrel b. A pine sapling forest c. Heeling backwards at Wall Game

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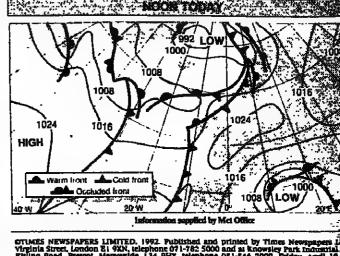
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Tokyo market drops below 16,000

Banks in firing line as Nikkei still plummets

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE collapse of the Nikkei index to below 16,000 gave financial executives a sleepless night as they toiled to work out the impact on their companies. They fear that if the Nikkei continues to hover around or below 17,000-18,000 the effects on Japanese corporations will be serious.

Yoshihisa Kitai, an economist at Long Term Credit Bank, said: "We can tolerate drops to 15,000 or even to 10,000 for a day or two, but if the Nikkei remains below the 17,000 mark for weeks on end, then the financial system is likely to come under considerable strain." The market

showed worrying volatility yesterday, rising by over 300 points during the morning on hopes for a technical rebound, then plummeting in the afternoon to end down 577.38 points at 16,598.15. Arbitrage selling was blamed Economists expect volatili-

ty to continue until the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year that began this month. They believe the Bank of Japan and the finance ministry will introduce support measures if the Nikkei has not recovered and moved towards 20,000 by the middle of the fiscal year in September. Mr Kital said: "If the au-

thorities' support does not arrive by that stage, then corp-Action by Fed gives boost to Wall Street

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

WALL Street surged after a cautious start yesterday as the Federal Reserve cut interest rates on its funds in what is seen as part of a co-ordinated global effort to bring down rates and boost economic re-The move came within

hours of a cut in the Canadian prime rate from 8.25 to 8 per cent, and a cut in Japan is now widely expected. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which sank to its lowest levels for three months on Wednesday . rebounded sharply on the news.

By lunchtime in New York. 138 million shares had changed hands, sending the Dow up 33.10 to 3.214.45. and wiping out a third of the previous two-day 94-point loss. But some market strategists doubt whether the rebound will last if Tokyo continues to plunge.

index sent shivers through Wall Street earlier this week as traders feared the Japanese were selling their American positions to cover losses at home. That belief contributed to sales by large US institutional investors which sent the Dow to its lowest level since January.

But latest government figures show that America's inflation is under control — it gained 0.2 per cent last month. Credit market experts say there will be some delay before the Fed's cheaper money converts into more consumer spending.

They say that the American banks, burdened with problem loans, may delay passing which for them fell by 0.25 per cent to 3.75 per cent yesterday.

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orate Japan and particularly banks will be in a very serious position." Many market anaysts have pointed out that the Bank of Japan's primary con-cern is with the health of the financial system as a whole and it can easily promote institutional buying to support the market if it feels this

is in jeopardy. In the short term, however Japan's banks, already seri-ously hampered by bad debts, are feeling the pinch most acutely. The drop in the Nikkei has come at the wrong time, given that they must meet Bank of International Semiements capital adequacy

requirements by next March. The more the market falls, the slimmer their chances of meeting the BIS requirements. As the Nikkei falls daily, the banks must act now to bolster capital and cut down on asset growth. Many have already issued subordi-nated debt, which counts as capital under BIS rules. The 11 city banks between them raised Y2 trillion in subordinated debt during the last fiscal year and will have to raise substantially more to offset the effects of the falling

HOCK market. But even these enormous cash injections are still dwarfed by the potential write-offs of bad debt. Japanese banks are not obliged to publish figures revealing the extent of their bad or doubtful debt, but analysts' estimates of the combined bad debts of the 11 city banks range up to Y20 trillion (£87 billion).

Pre-tax and net investment losses and loan write-offs, are expected to be well below forecasts for the for example, has forecast a 74.9 per cent decline in net profits to Y30 billion.

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BY HARVEY ELLIOIT AIR CORRESPONDENT



AMERICAN Airlines, which last year lost more than \$40 million largely because of the downturn in domestic air travel, yesterday attempted to revive business traffic by cutting prices and reducing the number internal fares.

Passengers on many internal routes have been faced with up to a dozen different fares with a variety of restrictions depending on the time they travel. There will now be three fares, with prices 50 per cent lower.

The new fare structure. which cuts through the com-plex web that developed as airlines tried to meet the needs of small market niches, is initially confined to the North American market. Atlantic and other international routes are likely to benefit from the new struc-ture within the next few months, provided the authorities agree and the experiment is successful.

Bob Crandall. president of American Airlines, said business travellers in America are tired of rising fares and a confusing system. They have cut back on their travel because they think the system is just too confusing, and because it imposes what they regard as unacceptable con ditions," he added.

"In order to get a good fare, many business travellers have been forced to...try to beat the system in ways they regard as ethically unacceptable but economi-cally compelling."

From next week, the three

fares will be: first class, which will be 20 to 50 per cent cheaper. AAnytime will be 38 per cent cheaper than existing economy-class fares: and PlanAAhead, which will require an advanced pur-chase of up to 21 days. Although not refundable, the tickets can be exchanged for a different flight on payment

"It's only fair to ask those who change their itinerary to bear the associated cost." Mr

Crandall said. The initiative by American Airlines, which is the biggest and most powerful airline in the world, will be closely watched by international ri-vals. Should the system be introduced on international provided authorities agree — the method of selling air tickets could be changed fun-

damentally. Mr Crandall said: "Unhappily for us, many customers do not believe that air travel is very good value these days and we're out to win back

their confidence."

Attali says EC must open up to the east

By WOLFGANG MONCHAU

JACQUES Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, is urging the European Community to overhaul its common agricultural policy and to allow eastern Europe an countries full access to EC

markets He said that failure to open up western markets would threaten eastern Europe's economic reform efforts and would have dire political consequences, it could lead to a destabilisation of the young democracies, and even war.

In an interview with The Times, on the eve of the European Bank's first annual meeting of governors in Budapest next week, M Attali said the EC should arrange a multilateral trade pact to create a genuine common European market that encompasses the whole of eastern Europe, including Russia and the other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

He singled out agriculture. steel and textiles as three of the most important markets that the EC should open up to eastern Europe. The east would otherwise not have any significant export markets and the region's ability to earn hard currency through exports would be severely diminished.

M Attali said that "if the EC regards its CAP, steel and textiles regimes as inflexible and unchangeable, then the result might be frustration and war in eastern Europe, and we must not forget that eastern Europe was twice the origin of a world war."

He called for bold measures but conceded that the process faced formidible opposition. "There are some people who actually prefer eastern Europe to suffer from balance of payments deficits, since this is only the result of our dumping of agricultural surpluses." he said. "Instead we must open our markets. Do we really want to regard eastern Europe as a means of financing our own trade sur-pluses? Or, rather, do we consider that we have a role to play in its development?" He said closed markets would also pose an obstacle to western investment in the cust.

Strangulation risk, page 25

The plunge in the Nikkei Shares leap on polling day

By Rodney Hobson and Philip Pangalos

THE City had a rush of blue blood to its head as investors gambled on the election resuit long before the polls

Buoyed by hopes of a Conservative victory, buyers pushed the FT-SE100 share index 43.2 points higher to 2,436.4 by the official market close at 4.30pm. It was the biggest gain so far this year, with the market closing at the top. Volume reached 506.2 million shares.

Just as buyers seemed to be losing their nerve, a strong opening on Wall Street sent London prices surging again. Many punters who had sold futures contracts were forced to buy to cover bear positions. The gains added about £8.6 billion to share values. The FT 30 index rose 31 points to 1,885.7. Gilts gained £5 and

By Ross Tieman

THE Confederation of Brit-

ard Davies, the Controller of

came from the Audit Com-

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Mr Davies said: "I am youn-

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For a salary believed to be

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Banham "clone" yesterday.

its director general.

sterling held firm during London trading as fears of an interest rate rise receded.

The positive mood ned on rumours of exit polls favouring the Conservatives. One story that an exit poll showing a strong swing to the Tories had been conducted by Smith New Court was denied by the

Privatised stocks led the surge, with the electricity package up £93 to £2,453 after hitting £2,523. Among distribution companies, Northern rose by 18p to 258p and East Midlands gained 15p to 237p. Most water shares were at least 10p better. South Western leading the way with a 19p leap to

Other sectors to find favour

CBI opts for second audit chief

were life insurance and brew-

eries. Prudential added 11p to 219p and Legal and General 10p to 335p. Bass was among the day's top shares. with a 21 hp gain to 531 hp. ShareLink, Europe's larg-

est execution-only private stockbroker, reported unusu ally heavy private client activity. Three fifths of deals involved buying, mainly of pri-vatisation and FT-SE stocks. Some equity market-mak-ers provided a near-full ser-

vice all night; others extended trading hours in American depository receipts. Forex dealers operated all night. A busy London trading session is in prospect today. The Stock Exchange is due to open 30 minutes early. The latest inflation figures are also

Market report, page 24

St Paul's scheme withdrawn

PATERNOSTER Associates.

In February, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, called in both the Paternoster scheme and a second proposal put forward by Nuclear Electric, owner of an adjoining site. He said at the time: "It is essential the area is developed in a coherent way and to the highest possible standard."

Paternoster Associates and

Power play: American's Bob Crandall

the consortium made up of Greycoat, Park Tower Realty and Missubishi Estate. is its controversial scheme to redevelop the area around St Paul's Cathedral.

Nuclear Electric will submit a new master proposal for their combined sites.

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he said. "Our job is to hold

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ployer networks in Europe.

the Treasury as special adviser to Nigel Lawson in 1985 and 1986. Questions about that period are cleverly deflected.

"Look at the progress in the British economy during those years and what happened to Mr Davies says his experi-

Already he has set himself

The other task is to increase the CBI's involvement in em-

ish Industry has chosen Howthe Audit Commission, to succeed Sir John Banham as Although Sir John also

> Davies: independent pendence, annoying Tory ministers more than once.

His most public achievement in that post was perhaps the compilation of a report which said the community charge would prove an unsatisfactory and over-expensive way to finance local government. But his work was sufficiently tobust that in 1990

NHS in the Audit Commission's remit Mr Davies, aged 41, was born the son of a Manchester

architect who specialised in pub interiors. He was educated at Manchester Grammar and Oxford, where he studied history and French. During the first year of his career, at the foreign office.

he joined both the Labour party and the Diplomatic Service Association part of the First Division Association, a civil service union. Six months later he quit the service association (and, in consequence, the Labour party) in protest over its policy. "I have never belonged to a pol-itical party since," he said.

After a spell in Paris, he took an MSc in management in California, and joined Mc-Kinsey, the management consultants, in London. He worked for a variety of indus-

it after I left." he said. ence has taught him that there are better ways to influence policy making than "lob-

enemy within," he said. two goals at the CBI. "It seems to me that the parties are saying the right things about the climate they wish to create for British industry,"

them to it."

Amec stands stronger than its rivals

Costain Group for blazing the trail and revealing horrific losses and property writedowns on Wednesday, for Amec, too. is among that select group of building companies that raised cash in the mini-boom in share prices a year ago only to see those prices tumble

The actual numbers are less dramatic in Amec's case. The group, which was formed a decade ago by merging Fairclough and William Press. spent the next five years battling against management problems and only thereafter had the confidence to tap the market for

Last March, the group asked shareholders for £110 million on a one-for-four basis at 200p. The shares, 128p in March, yesterday perked up 8p to 146p amid relief that the 1991 figures were not worse.

The company has spent E30 million on acquisitions but the rest of the rights issue money, intended for careful expansion into Europe, remains in the bank to form net cash balances of E76 million. Amec made profits before exceptionals of E50.1 million in 1991, down from £63.4 million but a creditable performance as-sisted by high levels of activity in onshore and offshore mechanical and electrical

engineering.
But provisions of E40 million for housebuilding and £20 million on commercial property values left a pre-tax loss of £9.9 million. Amec marginally increased the halfway dividend and is hold-ing the final payment. So another £31.1 million. funded, the company insists. from cash flow, goes out of the door again to those shareholders who put up the rights money

In assessing the provisions. Amec has taken the sensible, if pessimistic, view that it must trade out its existing stock of housing over the next 12 to 18 months at whatever prices, rather than keeping the cash locked away in the business in the hope of some eventual upturn in the market. The write-offs represent about



Star turn: Sir Brian Wolfson with Michael Jackson who is giving five performances at Wembley

£7,000 to £8,000 per plot to be sold, and compare with about £10 million in both

The dividend payment and cash on acquisitions left cash flow broadly neutral in 1991. The aim is to see half profits from overseas by 1995, against 20 per cent last year, and there is no tearing hurry to spend the cash, although two European possibilities have been identified.

Money in the bank safeguards the group's future through difficult times, but the shares, selling on about 15 times this year's carnings. look to have nowhere to go

Wembley

THERE was no shock result from Wembley, although the day for the announcement may well have prompted a heart or two to flutter. The company had issued a form guide at the time of its E37 million rights issue in January, and this time it proved

A pre-tax loss of £8.37 million, compared with the £13.2 million profit recorded in 1990, fell comfortably within the £8.5 million loss forecasted in January. The board is keeping its dividend promise with a 0.9p final payment that makes 1.8p for the year, against 2.4p.

If the odd eyebrow were raised, it would have been in response to the strength of the conviction of Sir Brian Wolfson, the chairman, as to the group's performance in

Although Sir Brian has optimism on occasion, there is no doubting tended to err on the side of no doubting Wembley's potential. For instance. Michael Jackson will appear five times at the stadium this summer — more dates than the entire 1991 pop concert programme — and should help restore the venue management division to

So should the doubling of live race dates at Denver's Mile High greybound track, and the UK Budget's reduction in betting levy. Progress will be hampered, however, by poor, if improved, book-ings for conferences and exhibitions.

profits growth.

Better news will be sought as well from the ticketing operations, reorganised and back in profit at the cost of a £3.2 million write-off last year, and from the Gulld video distribution business, off to an "excellent" start thanks to record sales of Terminator 2, and with

Michael Douglas's Basic Instinet to come in May.

Wembley continues slowly to unwind its debt, down to 65. per cent of shareholder funds at the year-end, and destined, Str Brian confirms, for below 55 per cent. Bank support is assured, although support is assured, although evidently with the promise that no more paper is issued in the near future.

Profits of £12.5 million still look a reasonable goal for Wembley this year, to net carnings of some 3p a share. An 11.7 multiple at 35p looks high enough, at least until we know the half-time

Whatman

WHATMAN'S otherwise impressive eight-year earnings record came to an end in the year to December when pre-tax profits fell from £11 million to £9.21 million.

Trading margins on a turn-over of £49.6 million (£44.6 million) were shaved from 23 to 19.3 per cent. The year's dividend rises from 7.75p to 8.7p a share, and Whatman inly states that dividends will increase steadily.

The profits and margin setbacks, coupled with evidence that sales grew by 8 per cent at constant exchange rates rather than by ll per cent, marginally dampened analysts' enthusiasm for the shares, which some say have long looked well ahead of events.

Whatman says of the 1991 setback that higher research and development spending

— which had been well signalled — knocked at least two points off net margins, and that the recession must also take some of the blame.

A new specialised paper making machine absorbed £2 million in capital expen-diture, and there will be a further £2 million cost this year. The thrust to get new products into the lab-oratories of the world has also been a cost factor, but the increased spending on marketing appears to be paying off, and in the longer term should prove to have been very worthwhile.

Whatman yesterday made \$590,000 acquisition of a laboratory gas generator business involving the gener ation of purity hydrogen gas that should do away with the need to store hazardous gas cylinders. Whatman great hopes about market potential, and believes the deal will mean a substantial boost to its gas purification

The years of receiving ne interest appear to be over though even after a £378,000 interest charge in 1991 gear-ing remains a modest 5 per cent. While an overall 24 per cent pre-tax return on capital employed is not to be succeed at during a recession, stronger margins are needed before the peak profits of £11 million seen in 1990 are likely to be challenged.

This year, a pre-tax result around £10 million would not surprise. But at 423p on 15.6 times earnings, the shares are for holding rather than charging. than chasing

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Heron tries to settle bondholders' nerves

HERON International. Gerald Ronson's debt-laden property to car dealing group, moved to settle the nerves of holders of its £450 million of bonds by promising detailed financial information next week about the state of the company. Bondholders have been unsettled by the technical defaults on seven of the eleven outstanding bonds triggered by bank debt rescheduling talks. There have been some complaints that bondholders have been left in the dark.

Heron said that a memorandum containing all the key relevant information given to the banks would be sent next week to the fiscal paying agents of all 11 bond issues. The news seems to have stabilised the market in Heron's six Swiss franc bonds after earlier sharp price falls. Heron has £1.3 billion of debt, including £950 million of bank debt.

Norish improves

PROFITS are up at Norish, the Irish cold storage group, in spite of a substantially lower turnover. The year that ended last December produced pre-tax profits of Ir£2.2 million (£2.05 million) against Ir£1.5 million previously. Turnover was Ir£13.6 million (Ir£21.1 million), which reflects the sale of the distribution operations. Earnings per share are up from 12.3 Ir pence to 17.1 Ir pence, and shareholders collect a 7 Ir pence in 17.1 If pence , and shareholds collect a 7 Ir pence final dividend, giving them an unchanged 11.47 Ir pence total for the year. The group says that the results reflect improvement in its performance, with occupancies and activity remaining high in all areas.

Dixons makes US move

TONY Dignum is stepping down as financial director of Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, to devote more time to the group's loss-making American operations. He hands over to Robert Shrager, group corporate finance director.

Mr Dignum was appointed financial director of Dixons
Retail Group in January. Dixons has had a rough ride in
America since it acquired the Silo retail chain for £240
million in 1987. Losses in the six months to December soared from £2.3 million to £10.9 million. Mr Dignum was president of Silo before returning to Britain. He will report to John Clare, group managing director of Dixons.

Record for Rathbone

RATHBONE Brothers, the private banking and financial services group, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, reports that pre-tax profits for last year rose 22 per cent to a record E3.1 million. A final dividend of 7.5p makes 10p (8p). Earnings per share increased from 22.1p to 26.6p. Oliver Stanley, the chairman, said that a move to a full quotation could well be in the interests of the group. The purchase of the Framlington private-client fund management business and the recruitment of five fund managers in Liverpool should boost revenues this year. Rathbone paid up-to £3.5 million for the Framlington book.

Textiles curb Beckman

A SLUMP in profits from the textiles division has pushed down interim pre-tax profits at A Beckman from £686,000 to £556,000 for the half year to end-December. Profits from textiles fell from £353,000 to £173,000, but the company said that there was some indication of "slightly increased activity by customers". The property division increased its profits to £574,000 following rent increases agreed in the previous financial year. The interim dividend is being held at 1.63p. Group turnover for the six-month period fell from £6.7 million to £5.8 million.

Finance chief for Kingfisher

KINGFISHER, the Woolworth to B&Q group, has ended its four-month search to find a finance director to replace Archie Norman, who left to become chief executive of Asda in December.

His successor is James Kerr-Muir, aged 51, previ-ously managing director of Tate & Lyle's UK division. He had been tipped to become chief executive at Tate & Lyle. last year but lost to Stephen Brown, former head of American operations. Kingfisher shares rose 15p on the news of the appointment and positive comments on the retail-

ing sector by County NatWest. Mr Kerr-Muir spent 22 years at Tate & Lyle, includ-ing a spell in the Eighties as vice-president, linance, with Redpath Industries, the group's Canadian arm.

He studied at Harvard Business School with Geolfrey Mulcahy, Kingfisher chairman and chief executive, and they have remained

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tracts worth more than £20

The British pavilion was

one of the few that were fin-

ished in time for the official

press preview this week. Most of the other 95 pavilions on

the 215-hectare site were still

at the Expo, which is expected

to draw 18 million visitors.

million.

Chemicals sector investing less

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

CAPITAL investment by the chemical industry, one of the few industries in which Britain is a world-class performer, fell 13 per cent last year and is set to contract by a further 10 per cent this year. Companies have decided to cancel and postpone projects because the prolonged recession has caused weakness in demand, lack of cash flow and economic uncertainties. according to the Chemical Industries Association.

However, the industry's UK investments this year, at £1.76 billion, will continue to account for 31 per cent of all worldwide spending by companies operating in Britain. The overall cutbacks also conceal a shift towards increased spending on research and development, especially for pharmaceutical companies.

The trends were revealed by the association's twenty-seventh annual investment intentions survey, one of the most reliable guides to trends

in the industry. The survey is especially important because the industry is highly capital intensive, with long lead times for projects.

The association found that the downwards trend in investment spending was likely to be temporarily arrested in 1993, only to resume its de-cline in 1994. However, the association said that expectations for the third year of the survey were usually weaker because forecasting was more

In adjusting their spending, companies appear to be responding to a complex variety of pressures. Spending on petrochemicals and plastics, which last year took up the biggest share of investment, is set to fall, partly under pressure of persistent overcapacity in western Europe.

It will be replaced at the top of the investment table by pharmaceuticals, a sub-sector in which Britain is especially

UK firms light a beacon at Expo

Harland Simon arm for sale

HARLAND Simon, a maker of process control and image processing equipment, is negotiating the disposal of its mechanical engineering operations to concentrate on electricals and electronics. Talks are taking place with

several potential buyers. The company launched a strategic review after David Mahony was appointed chairman in February. It says potential disposals could realise "well in excess of their collective book value". The

shares rose 6p to 85p. The company said a poten-tial purchaser had signed a letter of intent to acquire Vickerys, which designs and makes equipment for the paper and water industries.

In February, Harland Simon gave warning that pretax profits for the year to March 31 would fall significantly below the £10.48 million it earned last time. That triggered a 55 per cent fall in its share price. The final dividend is held at 5.5p.

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BRITAIN has already scored notable successes at Expo 92, the largest-ever world fair. April 20 and will run for six The budget for the British pavilion is £28 million from the government and £5.1 million from almost 50 sponsors. In addition, about 50 British companies are working on

Crossing point: Barqueta bridge, one of several built specially for Expo

British Steel provided 1,000

negotiating an obstacle race to the opening. The Expo's Spanish organisers are so pleased with Britain's gleaming, steel-andglass building - which domi-nates one end of the European Boulevard and features a wall of cascading water that they have asked for its lights to be kept on all night. Britain has been involved with many other attractions

tons of sicel for the British pavilion, 3,500 tons for the Alamillo Bridge, one of Expo's landmarks, and 17,000 tons of rail for a new highspeed train link between Madrid and Seville. Melville Exhibitions, of

Wandsworth, south London, and Cariton Interiors, of Epsom, Surrey, both parts of the Carlton Beck Group, won contracts worth more than £7.5 million with features in the environment section of the pavilion devoted to the theme of the future, as well as the Andalusian region exhib-

Britain appointed a commercial consul in Seville specially for the Expo. He is Joe Cooper, who helped to attract Silver Knight, of London, another interior design consultant, to the show. The firm gained contracts worth more than £4 million. "We hope this is just the start," Mr Cooper said. "The new infrastructure in Andalusia for Expo should attract a lot of

new business here afterwards. Fitch RS, of London, received a \$15 million contract for the Saudi Arabian display. Imagination, a west London design and communications business, will need a great deal of that to complete the European Community's

waterlogged semi-basement.

Electrosonic, of Danford, Kent, is supplying more than 35 pavilions with equipment worth £6 million, including one of the world's largest video walls.

A total of 850 monitors. compared with 288 in the British show, are featured in Spanish Telecom's pavilion.

"I have not had any indication that a change of government could change the role of Britain at Expo," said Sir John Ure, UK commissioner. He emphasised the international networking benefits and "Rolls-Royce treatment" available for UK business people and their guests in the London Docklands VIP suite

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which includes a series of oneoff payments, increases the likelihood of a full public sector strike. The interior ministry said the offer did not take into account general economic conditions "and thus cannot be a base for a solution to

Bundesbank urges

EC to try harder

in convergence test

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

the conflict". The employers had offered a pay rise of 3.5 per cent, while the unions demanded 9.5 per cent. The OTV public sector union said Germany would now have to face up to one of the toughest strikes in the country's history.

Fraud in east costs **Treuhand DM2bn**

BY OUR EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE weakness of the eastern German privatisation system was exposed yesterday, when the Treuhand agency admit-ted a loss of DM2 billion from fraudsters who capitalised on the area's economic misery.

THE Bundesbank has issued

a warning that the European

Community is in danger of

failing to move towards the

tough economic convergence

tests agreed at the Maastricht

Germany's central bank

singled out its own nation as

one of those that on last year's

performance would have

failed to meet the targets for

the introduction of the single

currency, which had been put

in the treaty at the insistence

of the Bonn government.
There was further bad news

for the German economy yes-

terday, when public service

employers turned down a 5.4

per cent wage deal recom-mended by arbitrators.

Their rejection of the offer,

summit

The Treuhand, handling the east's privatisation pro-gramme, filed 150 criminal charges against unscrupulous asset strippers who bought eastern German companies cheaply, then immedlately closed them and sold off land and other assets.

State prosecutors are investigating 50 cases, and the Treuhand has launched pre-liminary enquiries into another 200.

The agency said it lacked the staff to conduct proper investigations, while the prosastricht treaty, at least six countries need to meet these standards if the single curren-cy is to be introduced by 1997, the earlier date. The two most crucial Maastricht tests require budget

deficits of less than 3 per cent of gross domestic product, and a rate of inflation no higher than 1.5 per cent above the average inflation rate achieved by the three countries with the lowest rate. Germany, once a bulwark of economic soundness, failed

The Bundesbank said in its 1991 annual report that only three countries would meet the economic convergence test: France, Denmark and Luxembourg, Under the Ma-

ecutor's office is faced with a

similar situation. So far, only

one case has been brought to

The Treuhand's admission

will increase the pressure on the agency, which has been

heavily and widely criticised,

to slow down the pace of

privatisation and adopt a pol-

cy that would see restructur-

Prosecutors had also inves-

tigated fraud and corruption

ing take place first.

year, Germany will probably fail on both counts. "A detailed review of the economic situation in the Community makes it clear what sort of additional efforts have to be expected on the part of some member states," the Bundesbank said, while falling short of naming particular countries. "The Community is still quite a long way away from the price sta-bility which the treaty sees as a primary goal of monetary

to meet the budget deficit

target last year, but just managed to meet the inflation

target with an average infla-

tion rate of 3.5 per cent. This

However, the Bundesbank was optimistic about the mark. The report said there was "evidence of confidence in the mark's ability to retain value and in the .price stability-oriented policy of the Bundesbank". The central bank said this had led to a reduced risk premium on long-term interest rates.

within the Treuhand itself, The report said recovery in after senior managers were forced to quit over allegations eastern Germany was gathering pace, but predicted that that they sold off assets cheaptaxes may have to rise again if that they soul on assess cheap-ly for their own benefit.

The increasing number of incidents involving fraud and corruption highlights the difficulties of a system that has spending was not reined in.
"East Germany will remain dependent on help from the west for longer than originalpursued a policy of rapid pri-



Generating hopes: Jim Cole, chief executive of Dowding & Mills, the Midlands electrical and mechanical engineer, reported interim pre-tax pro-fits for the half year to end-December of £3.7 million, a

fall of 28 per cent, on sales of E38 million. The company, which last November failed in an £18

million takeover bid for Torday & Carlise, has written off the £632.000 cost of the bid as an extraordinary item.

The cost is almost identical

to that incurred by Torday in fighting off its unwelcome suitor. Dowding still has a 9 per cent stake in Torday. Peter Hollings, chairman, said that trading remained

"very difficult and uncertain." But when the upturn came "the company with its strong balance sheet and unique spread of service activities, is well placed to continue its long record of

growth." The interim dividend of 0.92p is a 5 per cent im-provement on last time.

Terminator comes to Wembley's aid

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

MICHAEL Jackson's five anpearances at Wembley Stadium in August, and the record-breaking sales of the Terminator 2 video, have helped convince Sir Brian Wolfson that the Wembley leisure group he chairs will make a significant profit recovery this year.

Sir Brian confirmed yester-day that 1991 had returned a loss of £8.37 million, against the E8.5 million forecast that accompanied January's £37 million rights issue, and a 1990 profit of £13.2 million. He identifies strong improvements in the stadium and video businesses as good reasons to expect a substantial upturn in the group's performance this year. Wembley will stage a re-

cord 13 pop concerns this summer, compared with three last year when the war in the Gulf tore up the diary. Earning up to an estimated £400,000 a day, concerts are a key element of the group's venue management division, whose trading profits dipped from £16.4 million to £13.7 million last year.

Terminator 2 has set a cracking pace in video sales this year after a particularly disappointing final quarter to 1991, when there was an absence of blockbuster films on release. Next month Wembley's Guild video distribution business will add Basic Instinct, the American box

office hit starring Michael Douglas, to its video

catalogue. The upturn could not come too soon for Wembley, which had to turn to its shareholders for more cash in January, while patching up its balance sheet after gearing had rock-

eted alarmingly.

Debt is now being brought under control, with gearing down to 65 per cent and Sir Brian is intent on getting it below 55 per cent by the end of the year. The group's interest bill for 1991 was £18.7 million, which completely wiped out the operating

Exceptional provisions of £7.47 million, including the £3.2 million cost of rationalising the American ticket activities, and a £3.5 million writedown of its investments, sent the group deep into the red.

As promised the final divi-

dend is 0.9p. lifting the total to 1.8p, against 2.4p.

Wembley's ticket systems operation, the world's biggest, returned to trading professional systems. it, with its 50 per cent owned ticket sales business making a

good start to 1992. Meanwhile, legislation in both America, where Denver is doubling the number of its live race dates, and the UK, where the betting levy is being reduced, promise an advance in profits.

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Hafnia falls to a bid

By Our European Business Correspondent

A DARING attempt by Haftion deal in the Nordic insurnia a Danish insurance company, to force its rivals into a pan-Scandinavian insurance grouping backfired yesterday when it succumbed to a fullblown takeover bid by Forsakrings AB Skandia, the

Swedish Insurer. The launch of the SwKr2.4 billion (£230 million) allshare takeover bid for Hafnia, ending month-long speculation about a co-operaance sector. Hainia's fortunes have turned for the worse since last November when it stalked Skandia by taking a 14.8 per cent stake. Separately, UNI Storebrand, the Norwegian insurer, took a stake of 28 per cent in Skandla. But Skandia, the largest of

the three, rejected an alliance and refused board representation to the new share-

Ironically, it was the dismal performance of Skandia shares which brought Hafnia to the brink. The whole sector has been in difficulties, with Skandia announcing last week a 1991 operating loss of SwKr 580 million.

Hafnia yesterday announced a net loss of DKr1.31 resignation of Per Villum Hansen, the chief executive and Henrik Klacbel, his deputy.

Skandia, whose shares were suspended at SwKr130 yesterday morning, is offering nine shares for every four Hafnia A shares, and nine shares for every five B shares.

The combined premium income of the group will amount to SwKr 40 billion.

Britannia passes dividend

Britannia Group, the property and housebuilding firm, has passed its final dividend for last year after a £775,000 provision for the falling value of land and a £325,000 reorganisation cost pushed it into a £690,000 pre-tax loss. The company made a pre-tax profit of £631,000 last time after provisions of £1.2 million and paid a total dividend of 3p. Christopher Powell, chairman, said there would be no final dividend. An interim of 1p has been paid.

Morrell aboard

Lonrho, whose newspaper and magazine interests remain the subject of widespread speculation as it continues to make asset sales to reduce debt, has appointed Nicholas Morrell to its board. Mr Morrell was appointed managing director of the Observer in 1988.

Amgold rises

Amgold's net income for the year ended March rose 32 per cent to R235.5 million (£46.9 million). A final dividend of 500 cents, makes 975 cents (775 cents). Anamint is paying a final of 310 cents, making 382 cents (380

Parambe falls

Parambe's pre-tax profits fell from £112,308 to £65,933 last year. The final dividend is cut from 1p to 0.55p, making 1.1p (1.55p).

Brussels creates VAT network

FROM TOM WALKER

THE European Commission will spend more than £6 milwide VAT computer network in time for the barrier-free market of 1993. With all paperwork at frontiers - between 50 and 60 million documents a year - due to disappear from January 1. Christiane Scrivener, the tax commissioner, said cross-border VAT payments would be monitored through a "VAT Information Exchange System", or Vies.

The Commission has signed a contract with SOF-X Marben Group, a Franco-Belgian software company, which will work with NCR and Interpac in setting up the system. From next year, all inter-business cross-border acquisitions will be subject to VAT in the country of purchase, rather than the country of origin. A company



Scrivener: computer plan selling a product to a business customer in another EC country will tap into Vies, check the customer is VATregistered, and dispatch the goods. The buyer will the have to declare the purchase

on his periodical VAT return.

border deliveries are accom-

panied by a single administ-ration document (Sad), that

At the moment, all cross-

has about 50 boxes to be filled in and checked by customs officers. For the first time, hospitals, schools and local authorities buying items worth more than 10,000 ecus (£7,200) in another country will be required to register for VAT and use Vies.

Individuals, on the other hand, will pay VAT in the country of origin, although there will be exemptions for cars and mail-order companies. A Briton could therefore, still buy a car in Belgium, VAT-free, and pay the tax on return.

Vies will be operating by the beginning of November, to give traders time to prepare for the July 1, 1993, deadline for making their first VAT declarations. A Commission official said Vies will not make sensitive company information available to suppliers and rivals. "Traders will get a straight 'yes' or 'no' answer from the system. nothing more."

Goldman cleared on Maxwell deals

GOLDMAN Sachs, the Wall Street investment bank that was criticised for its dealings in Maxwell Communication Corporation shares in 1990 and 1991, has been cleared by a London Stock Exchange

working party. Goldman Sachs was accused of effectively operating a support operation for MCC shares by buying put options from Robert Maxwell. Max-

well sold Goldman two put

BY OUR CITY STAFF options, of 15 million and 30 million MCC shares, between August 1990 and February 1991. Exercise prices were at

Some market-makers saw this as an inducement for Goldman to buy and hold the shares. However, a Stock Exchange statement yesterday said that "the working party found no evidence to support speculation that there had

been a breach of Stock Exchange rules or that there had been some form of illegal share support operation by

a premium to the then mar-Goldman Sachs". Under company law, Goldman was exempted from disclosure requirements for holding more than 3 per cent of a stock when the shares were held for market-making. There was no evidence to support disciplinary action against Goldman Sachs.

Lloyd's wins pollution case

over the \$100 million cost of cleaning up a chemical manufacturing site in New Jersey. The site was contaminated with dioxin, used under the name Agent Orange as a de-

The judgment, delivered after three years of legal wrangling, is seen at Lloyd's as an important victory and a possible turning-point. For years, the market has picked up the bills for polluters in America. Leonard Sheft, the lawyer who acted for Lloyd's, said the judgment was particularly welcome because it in-volved Diamond Shamrock, a high-profile company, and because New Jersey courts had a reputation for finding

foliant in the Vietnam war.

against insurers. As well as clean-up costs, Diamond Shamrock claimed for compensation payments it had made to Viemam veterans suffering disability through exposure to Agent

In the original court case in 1989, a New Jersey judge found that the insurers were not responsible for clean-up costs but were liable for the Agent Orange claims. The New Jersey appeal court has confirmed the clean-up costs judgment and overturned the decision on the Agent Orange daims. Diamond Shamrock is considering an appeal to the Supreme Court. Lloyd's would have had substantial

By Jonathan Prynn

THE Lloyd's insurance mar- as it was the major reinsurer ket has won a "very signifi- of Diamond Shamrock's dir- have gone against insurers. cant" court case in America ext insurers. The lead underwriter was Richard Youell, of Janson Green. The judgment is seen as

one of the most important involving American pollution claims since the case of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colorado. Shell is appealing against the initial decision in that case, which was in favour of the insurers and placed the cost of cleaning up the former dump site on the polluter.

However, most such cases Earlier this week, David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's, spoke of "the apparent determination of the

courts in some countries to

bend over backwards, some

times interpreting insurance

wordings in bizarre ways, to

reach the perceived deep pockets of insurers." The total cost of cleaning up pollution in America is estimated at hundreds of billions of dollars.

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Property slump forces Amec into the red



Tough time: Alan Cockshaw sees no upturn

THE need to provide for falling land and commercial property values has meant losses for 1991 at Amec, the engineering and construc-

tion group. The group produced a £9.9 million deficit before tax (£63.4 million profit), but a maintained final dividend of 6.25p means a total of 10.250p (10.125p). The loss comes after a £60 million exceptional item to cover write-offs on housebuilding and property. Alan Cockshaw, the chair-

term. We think it's going to be very rough indeed and not just in the UK. We don't see any recovery in the US until the last quarter at

Amee had at least the ad-

man, said: "Our view is it

won't improve in the short

vantage of cash in the bank, after a £110 million rights issue a year ago, said Mr Cockshaw, and cash balances were £76 million at the year end. The main drain on the group in 1991 was housing and property, where a £700.000 loss in

1990 became an £11.3 mil-

lion deficit last year. Amec

sold 1,300 units at an aver-

By MARTIN WALLER

age of £90,000 and expects this to fall to £85,000 this year. A £40 million write-off has been required for housing land. Amee has been shifting emphasis towards the less badly hit northern housing market but still has a 30 to 40 per cent exposure to the South East. Mr Cockshaw

said Amec did see an excel-

lent performance from the

process and energy sector

the building and civil engineering side saw profits slip to £24.2 million (£30.3 million), while mechanical and electrical engineering fell £5 million to £33.6 million. "Although we are clearly disappointed by the decline in overall profitability, this is a good performance in the

and the heavy mechanical, electrical and civil engineer-

ing companies. Despite this

our industry has experienced for 50 years," he said. Amec will be little affected by the coming to power of either a Labour or a Conservative government. "As far as our businesses are concerned, the effects historically have been broadly neutral."

face of the worst recession

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Threat of stoppage at Brooks **Brothers**

HOURLY-paid sales workers in New York's Brooks Brothers store chain, which is owned by Marks and Spencer, are threatening to strike next week. They claim they have been asked to take a 25 per cent pay cut (Philip Robinson writes)

Sales at Brooks Brothers. which has clothed presidents. the Astors, the Rockefellers and the Vanderbilts, are not disclosed, but analysts believe the stores have not escaped the sharp fall in American consumer spending.

Members of the Amalgam ated Clothing and Textile Workers union say Brooks wants to give them a flat 9 per cent commission on sales, which would effectively mean

25 per cent salary cuis A three-year union contract ran out on March 31, but the union agreed a ten-day extension. That expires at midnight. The contract covers four stores and, according to Brooks figures, fewer than

200 people.

A Brooks spokesman said: "We are continuing to negotiate." A letter on Brooks Brothers' headed notepaper sent to credit card customers last week, said: "We are going to be fleeced by the golden must have been the work of renegade members.

Sindall slips into the red

WILLIAM Sindall, a builder and civil engineer, has been forced to make a £5.02 million exceptional provision in its 1991 results, pushing the company into a £4.19 million pre-tax loss. Profit last time was £1.69 million.

There is no final dividend, though Sindall made a 1.5p half-time payment; in 1990. 4.5p was paid.

The provision includes redundancy and closure costs of £517,000 and a £4.67 million write-down in the carrying value of housing and develop-

A court case against Cambridgeshire County Council over a land deal, due to be heard in July, could materially affect the group's affairs.

STOCK MARKET: THURSDAY'S OFFICIAL TRADING

Election day gives shares biggest rise of this year

LONDON equities rebound ed sharply, enjoying their bigwidespread gains for top shares after a futures-led advance was aided by an absence of sellers after the latest polls showed swings towards the Conservatives.

The futures market pulled the cash market higher as the bears moved to cover their short positions. Traders responded to the latest opinion polls that showed a modest swing towards the Tories and putting them neck-and-neck with Labour. This was enough for some to have a punt, with leading privatisation shares in particular

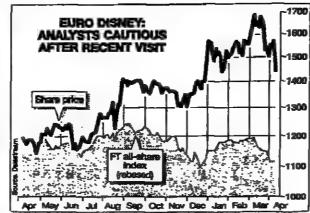
The advance in London was achieved despite further New York and Tokyo, with the Nikkei index having dived 557 points to close below 17,000 for the first time

A positive start in New York, with the Dow Jones up 32 points, provided a further boost to sentiment in London. At the normal 4.30pm close, the FT-SE 100 index was fractionally off its best levels. closing up 43.2 points at 2,436.4. The FT index of 30 shares gained 31 points to 1,885.7. Volume reached a relatively healthy 506.2 mil-

Government securities added about £% as the pound held firm and the threat of an imminent rise in interest rates receded.

A busy London trading ses sion is in prospect today, with the Stock Exchange due to open 30 minutes early, while the latest inflation figures are also due. City hopes that the Tories could clinch victory prompted rises in the utilities as some decided to have a punt. Both electricity and water shares sported healthy gains, aithough they ended off their best levels.

Among the electricity com-panies, East Midlands added 15p to 237p, London 11p to



253p, Masweb 7p to 289p, Midlands 11p to 246p, Northern 18p to 258p, Norweb 12p to 257p, Southern 12p to 222p and South West 14p to 252p. The package rose £97 to £2,453. The generators also brightened, with National Power up 4p to 203p and PowerGea 7p to 213p. vhile Scottish Hydro firmed

partly-paid added 64p to 1002p. British Gas firmed 3p to 250p. Stores did well iter County NatWest and Morgan Stanley made positive statements about the sector. County says in its latest review that there will be buy ing opportunities for qualtity stocks, suggesting that a minority Labour government

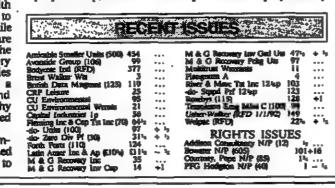
ICI, which has been seen as a good election hedge, was further toyed by talk that its fibres side is up for sale. The talk was that Du Pont is set to pay about £350 million, although ICI would not comment. ICI rose 14p to £12.73. Wellcome, also seen as an election hedge, added 24p to £10.86.

6p to 85p and Scottish Power 7p to 83p. Among the water stocks, Anglian gained 14p to 331p, Severa Trent 13p to 315p, Southern 8p to 314p, South West 19p to 338p, Thames 15p to 344p, Welsh iop to 350p and Wessex 8p

Other privatisation shares achieving gains included BT, up 7p to 314p, while the BT

medium term because lower income earners will have more spending power. Among those favoured, Ar-

gos added 14p to 247p, Boots 12p to 419p, Diseas, which County thinks may present one of the better buying opportunities, was 12p higher at 210p. Marks and Spencer was 10p up at 301p



and WH Smith A 22p higher at 415p. Also included is Kinglisher, up 15p to 487p.

Against the general trend. Euro Disney initially fell 40p. but recovered to close 22p lower at £14.43 as some analysts became cautious. Among them. Nomura put out a sell recommendation after a visit on Tuesday. The Japanese securities house is cautious despite its own fore-

Nomura predicts 12.5 million visitors in the first year. although the initial interest is rpected to ease off in the following two or three years. Lindsay Russell, at Nomura. said: "We've done our calculations and we've dropped our expectations. We are more cautious about the win-

Grand Metropolitas. where shareholders vote today on the company's proposed share split which hould improve marketability, rose 13p to 887p.

Vickers continued to respond to hopes that Rolls-Royce Motors will be sold outright and the shares irmed 3p to 147p.

Mounting Middle East

tension triggered-off fresh strength in crude prices, boosting BP and Shell 24p and 7p to 248p and 461p

On the company news front, the payment of a divi-dend outweighed losses at Amee, the construction roup, with the shares up 11 p to 149p. Meanwhile, Hariand Si-

mon rebounded 15p to 94p after the group said it has decided to dispose of non-

Prudential, up 11p to 219p, benefited from the apoutcome of the election. Elsewhere in the sector, Legal & General firmed 10p to 335p. aided by a recent buy recom-mendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Dow rises 33 points in early trading

enjoyed a technical recovery during quiet trading in the late morning as investors took a breather after two days of heavy selling. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.54 points to 3,214.89 in early afternnon trading. Broadbased and secondary shares edged up on selective bargain-hunning. Analysts at-tributed the advance to technical factors after share losses that had been overdone.

The producer prices for March were as forecast, but worries still persist about an American economic recovery. Joseph Barthel, the director of investment strategy at Fahnestock & Co. said: "This is an extremely oversold

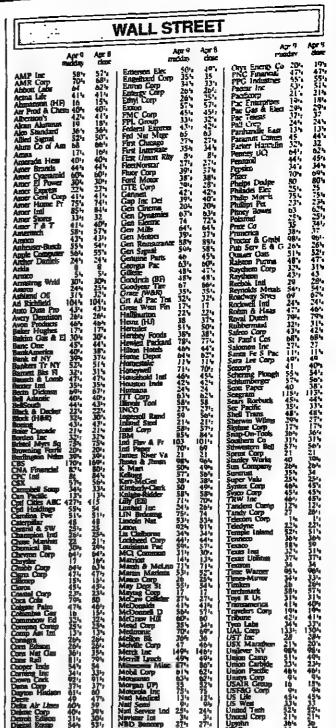
☐ Hong Kong — Shares fell sharply in the afternoon as Tokyo renewed its decline. The blue-chip Hang Seng index dived 98.19 points, or 2.03 per cent, to 4,729.39 after a tumble of 2.01 per cent on Wednesday.

Turnover grew to HK\$2.49 billion [£184 million] from Wednesday's HK\$2.13 billion. Brokers said that losses were across the board and that further declines can be expected as Tokyo still seems to be searching for a bottom. The broader all-ordinaries index slid 50.6 points to 2,563.64.

Sydney - The market plunged to a seven-month low in lase trading. The all-ordinaries index shadowed the Nikkei index in Tokyo all day, finally falling below the support level of 1,550 to close 9 points down at 1,545.3.

☐ Frankfort — Prices resisted the downward pull of heavy overnight losses in Tokyo and New York and recovered from an early drop to close unchanged. The Dax index ended 0.24 points higher at 1,720.25.

closed broadly lower after brief gains as nervous investors sold shares following Tokyo's continued index fell 11.54 points to (Reuter)



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Brooding at the Bundesbank

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last much longer than originally envisaged. Countries in the ERM that are being held back by having to share that burden through high interest rates can therefore expect little early relief. The Bundesbank's annual report is full of facilities. tut-tutting about wages, public spending and budgetary deficits, all of which are beyond the purview of the monetary burghers of Frankfurt. Western Germans should make sacrifices because the east will need more public and private transfers over a longer period than expected. The only thing saving the mark, the Bundeshank implied, was its own tough stance on interest rates and inflation

Some ears seem to have been closed even before the Bundesbank spoke. Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, has responded to the government's poor showing in regional elections by insisting that no tax increases are required. The largest public sector union is already winding itself up for a strike after employers regional the judgment of arbiters. They suggested 5.4 per cent, plus the sort of extras familiar from Privile's Secretic seciel. of extras familiar from Britain's Seventies social compact, which is in line with other recent settlements but outside the Bundesbank guideline of keeping within inflation. Germany is an embarrassment to the Bundesbank. Helmut Schlesinger, its president, seems miffed at not being in a position to lecture the rest of Europe about its need to take action to meet the Maastricht convergence tests for economic and monetary union, which Germany insisted on putting into the treaty. Germany itself is clearly not meeting them.

Thus far, the Bundesbank seems confident that

inflation, which has reached 4.7 per cent, will come back below 4 per cent by the end of the year. This seems to depend, however, on keeping the Lombard rate at 9.75 per cent. Wage and borrowing pressures argue against any short-term cuts if inflation is to subside. The economy shrank sufficiently in the second half of last year to make further substantive rate rises dangerous, prolonging the agony in the east. How far that agony is due to the ill-judged rush to privatisation and incompetent handling of many routine sales can only be guessed. The rest of Europe may, however, be paying a high price for the Treuhand experiment.

Springtime at BAe

esterday's acquisition from Astra Hold-ings' receiver, which builds on existing business with Oerlikon of Switzerland, is a minor matter for British Aerospace, but another signal that the group is regaining its confidence. Over the past two months, the group has won a series of Ministry of Defence orders for missiles and aircraft that indicate it will not immediately have to pay the nation's peace dividend. John Major's weekend announcement that Saudi Arabia had decided to go ahead with a further El.5 billion tranche of the Al Yamamah programme, though premature in terms of orders, should resolve another medium-term anxiety.

British Aerospace shares, a strong feature of daytime trading yesterday, still stand at less than half their market value a year ago but have climbed a fifth from their February low point. The pace of reassessement could well accelerate. At the end of the month, BAe holds its annual meeting and Sir Graham Day, its vigorous if temporary chairman, is likely to choose that occasion to announce his own successor as well as a replacement for Dudley Eustace as finance director. The future is becoming clearer. Since BAe shares yield a 10.4 per cent dividend, there is clearly still plenty of scope for investors' confidence to recover too.

EUROPEAN VIEW

Western tactics risk strangling eastern democracies at birth

Jacques Attali tells Wolfgang Münchau that mechanisms such as the CAP must be

reformed if the new free markets of the east are to survive

wondering whether the in-visible hand of the free market is about to turn into an iron fist, according to a survey published this week by the Commission

for Europe.
An affiliate of the United Nations and one of the most respected insti-tutions in its field, the commission's report gives one of the most damn-ing verdicts on eastern Europe's economic reform so far. It leaves no doubt that eastern Europe's first experience of democracy has included a depression on the scale of the Thirties with all the political ramifications. "Once filled with hope," the authors suggest, "the countries in transition have increasingly become an area of disillusion, anxiety and social-political tensions."

Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, used to warn against treating the subject of east-ern Europe with too much doom and gloom. But the commission's assertion that the economic and political situation in eastern Europe is fraught with acute dangers, for the east and the west, is one that M. Attali endorses without hesitation.

In an interview with The Times, ahead of the European Bank's first annual meeting of governors in Bu-dapest next week, M Attali argued that the west must no longer duck the central issues, or it will risk a detailing of the reform process.

These central issues are similar in many ways to those under discussion at the deadlocked Gant trade negotiations in Geneva: western European protectionism and the economic hazards resulting from the common agricultural policy. If west Europe does not open up, he said, east Europe will not have a market worth exporting to, and we will be throwing bad money after good.

That is why the G7 summit in Munich is so absolutely vital because it is the last window of opportunity to make decisions on to finance restructuring and on Gatt. The tragedy is that governments in Europe and the US are in an election year," he said.

M Attali wants a multilateral trade pact, one which extends far beyond the type of loose association agreements which have already been negotiated with some countries. Such a pact should be created with a free and a common market in mind, to cover the whole of Europe, including Russia and the rest of the newly formed Commonwealth of



Helping hand: Jacques Attali says the west must open up to eastern Europe's exports

Independent States. Europe's common agricultural policy and its con-troversial export subsidies must not continue in the present form, he said

- a significant assertion if one considers that M Attali used to be the special adviser to the president of France, a country that strongly supports the CAP. But he went even further: "To achieve this, the European Community has to change its policy towards steel, textiles and agriculture. And we have to be bold enough to do it. If we don't do it, eastern Europe will not be able to sell us their agricultural and other products." He pointed out that Russia could achieve immediate savings of \$10 billion if it stopped importing to buy necessary equipment and machine tools.

A refusal by western Europe to open up would be the ultimate hypocracy. M Atali added: "There are some people who actually prefer eastern Europe to suffer from balance of payments deficits, since this is only the result of our dumping of agricultural surpluses. Instead, we must open our markets. Do we really want to regard eastern Europe as a means of financing our own trade surpluses? Or, rather, do we consider that we have a role to play in its development? If the EC regards its CAP, steel and textiles regimes as inflexible and unchangeable then the result might be frustration and war in eastern Europe, and we must not forget that eastern Europe was

twice the origin of a world war." The two best forms of assistance we can give to the east are free trade and direct help with the reconstruction of industries with the greatest export potential, such as oil and agriculture. M Attali accepts that balance of trade finance is important, but the essential task is to create a situation in which such finance is no longer needed.

accord on a \$24 billion assistance package — \$6 bil-lion for a stabilisation fund and the remainder in trade credits - is a case in point. M Attail declared himself "sceptical" about the impact of this package not because the assistance is not needed but because it might lead to false expectations in the east, and a false sense of security in the west. "A lot of people in Moscow believe that it is a check of \$24 billion, which is going to be deposited next week. This is

not true." He added that much of this money is not essentially new money. There are also uncertainties whether the package would benefit only Russia, or all of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The increasing scepticism, desperation even, expressed by those dealing with reform in eastern Europe, raises the inevitable question: What has gone wrong in eastern Europe since 1990?

The Commission for Europe points out quite astutely that western 'experts" were not only incompetent In forecasting the collapse of communism, but that subsequently many of those experts have underestimated the task ahead. The commission lays much of the blame on the dogma of shock-therapy economics, as advocated by some prominent western advisers, such as immediate price liberalisation coupled with a squeeze on the money supply. Voodoo economics may have been discredited in the west during the last decade, but its advocates found a willing outlet in eastern Europe, where politicians were sometimes too desperate (and too naive) to object to economic experiments of the kind that would never have been acceptable in the west.

The result was that eastern Europe entered the reform process with unrealistic expectations, which were bound to be disappointed.

The flaws of shock-therapy economics is one of M Attali's per subjects. A free market economy is not a free-floating anarchic system. but one that relies on a functioning infrastucture such as legal institu-tions, effective tax collection mecha-nisms, financial institutions, central banks, anti-trust authorities and law-and-order enforcement among many. The establishment of such institutions represents the first task in the restrucuturing process.

He conceded that there is one aspect where there is no alternative to the so-called shock therapy - the creation of those free-market institutions themselves. Building on this, the remainder should be a gradual process. "Trying to implement measures of price liberalisation can be very dangerous in terms of economic growth," he said. "You create inflation and black markets. You end up with no real internal supply, and you have to import, and then there will be trade deficits." No tax system, however fair and astute, could work without an effective tax collection mechanism. The result would be soaring budget deficits.

similar logic applies to the speed of privatisation. the main subject of debate at next week's governors' meeting. He argued: "It would be a disaster if speed was the priorty against the other demands of ethics. transparency, fairness and restructuring. If we have a choice between speed and transparency. I choose transparency. If we have a choice between privatisation and restructuring, I choose restructuring. But in some cases privatisation is a technique to achieve restructuring." The precise choice would depend on the industry. The conversion of a military industry into a civil one would be a strong candidate for a restructuring-first approach. So is Russia's morose banking system. Given the economic difficulties

faced by western European countries, the response cannot be to throw money at Russia's problem. M Attali would never deny that the amount of financial assistance is important, but he believes it is vital that we chose the right sort of money. Later this year, he will press for extentions of the European Bank's remit to allow it to pursue much greater technical assistance ssible at the mo also wants the European Bank to be able to grant soft loans and build up a venture capital business.

But the essential tasks of trade liberalisation and finding enough western support for the restructuring of export-oriented industries will not be easy. "The Marshall plan came at a time of world growth." he said. "but now we have a more difficult economic situation. That is why we need a long-term approach. I feel it is my duty to say it as I am one of the few not to face an election."

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AFTER many years of luck-less betting on the Grand National, NatWest gilts dealer Michael Ferguson Davie or "Goose" as he is known to friends - finally drew a hit with Romany King, second in Saturday's race. Ferguson Davie, aged 48, won £10,020 in the Stock Exchange sweepstake but says he has no special plans for the money. "I've been spending it for the last 30 years," he quips. Yesterday, though, it was champagne all round as he shared the celebration with colleagues, pausing only to reflect that while the prize was a "jolly good sum," in the old days the winnings somehow seemed so much more - a case, perhaps, of looking a gift-horse in the mouth. One person who will not be making any such complaint, however, is Sarah Maynard, aged 22. of the SE Regulatory News Service, who won the first prize of £20,040, with the winner, Party Politics. Maynard, who recently got married to a young man called Martin, will use the money to help buy their first home.

Switching drinks

HOARE Govett has made its first big hiring since its link with ABN Amro of The Netherlands earlier this year, recruiting one of the City's top drinks analysis. Eric Frankis, from UBS-Phillips & Drew. Frankis, who had been with Phillips & Drew for 17



years, will begin work at Hoare at the start of next month. "It's their loss and our gain," says David Baggs. Hoare's specialist salesman in the breweries sector and a former Messel man who has been filling in on the analysis side since Andrew Buchanan

Competitive edge SHEARSON Lehman is offering clients the chance to win two business class return tickets to exotic locations including Jamaica and Indonesia. All entrants have to do is spot which emerging stock-markets worldwide will perform best in 1992. There is just one catch - the winner has no say in the choice of the prize destination but must fly to whichever country has the stockmarket which comes out top. "It could be anywhere from Bermuda to Bangladesh," agrees Miles Morland, Lehman's emerging markets guru who dreamed up the competiton. If the winner is

less than happy with the result, he or she could do worse than use the enforced vacation to copy Morland's example and write a book. Moriand penned The Man Who Broke Out of the Bank. currently number ten on the best-seller list, about his own

Its own reward DESPITE its dire financial

situation - it is expected to

announce a deficit of £400,000 for 1991 — St Paul's Cathedral has received more than 250 applications for the post of accountant. The recent advertisement specified applicants must be aged over 30, "used to working under intense pressure". and saintly with it, given the salary of £22,000. Ken Stones, who joined the staff of St Paul's last October, in the new post of financial controller, after recommendations by Coopers Deloitte, admits that the job is not suitable for someone motivated by money alone. Stones, a committed Christian, reveals that he took a pay cut from his previous job in industry. He has not had a weekend off since he started and often works 13 hour days. "My own feeling of satisfaction comes from knowing that I am working for St Paul's and that maybe one day people will thank me for helping to save this great building." Perhaps the incen-tive package for the job could be improved by the offer of a commemorative plaque in the churchyard.

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

IoD already offers a code of practice on chairmen's pay

From the Director of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Directors

Sir, We totally agree with the view of Mr T.M. Baring (April 7) that there should be a link between a company's profitability and increases in its chairman's salary. The code of practice which he seeks is already in being and is contained in our Guidelines for Directors.

Salaries should initially be set on the basis of the size of the company, the complexity of the task and, where applicable, the need to compete internationally. Thereafter, the basis of any review should be performance, both of the

company and the individual. We have consistently advised our members that unjustified salary increases destruction in provoking hostility from employees, shareholders and the media. It is difficult to justify a large in-crease in the face of a company's declining profitability.

Yours faithfully, **BLENYTH JENKINS** (Director of Corporate Affairs. Institute of Directors). 116 Pall Mall. SWI.

Credit for Lloyd's figures wrongly given

From Mr P. N. Archard

Sir, I read your article, "Lloyd's may lose £1.65bn" with some surprise. The artide quoted a range of projections and said that they had been compiled by the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents' Association. Just to put the record straight, the projections were, in fact, put together by the Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) using information obtained from managing agents.

This association's only involvement was to recommend in December 1991 that managing agents should provide forecast "bottom line" results for the 1989 year of account to their supporting members' agents by the end of January this year. No doubt this initia tive, which was designed to ensure that members' agents were well placed to advise

Names of impending losses at an early stage, prompted the ALM to compile their overall

result. Frequently, the agency community is upbraided for not producing enough figures. It made an interesting change, particularly on April Fool's Day, to be given the credit for a set of numbers we did not compile! Yours faithfully.

P. N. ARCHARD. Chairman, Lloyd's Underwriting Agents' Association, Room 617. Lloyd's. Lime Street, EC3.

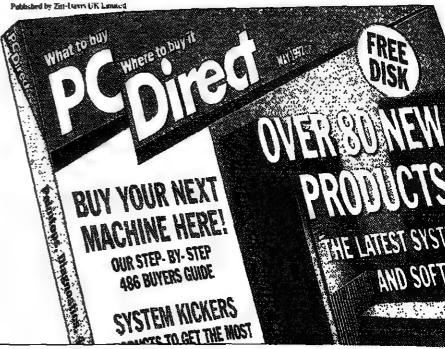
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Multimedia mania

Some big computer companies are moving into the consumer

market, Chris Partridge writes

ness sector, the big computer manufacturing companies are and the index will have the starting to move into the consumer sector to take up the

tried to avoid the mass market. with its low profit margins, uneducated buyers and high risk investment. They also have memories of past lossmaking forays into the home computer market.

To appeal to the consumer market, some computer companies are trying to look more like consumer businesses. One such is Apple, which is hoping to break into new markets with products that will not just be another variation on the desktop or portable computer.

Apple, for example, is basing a move into the consumer market on multimedia, the new buzz word for the technology that combines computer data, graphics, still pictures

and moving video or animated im-'A lot of growth ages on the is expected same screen. Apple has a for the sector' lished multimedia tech-

nology called Quicktime, and it is combining this with the cheap Macintosh personal computers and compact discs into what John Sculley, Apple's chairman, calls personal digital assistants.

In contrast to a personal computer, which is a jack of all trades, these will specialise in doing a small number of jobs well and making it easy for the operator. They will include organisers, electronic books, electronic note takers, display telephones and personal com-

Apple's electronic book, for example, is likely to look very like a small computer, but operate much more like a book, with "pages" of informa-

it by flagging tion. The difference will be sales in the busi- that consulting some pages may trigger an animated sequence to illustrate the point, power to search the entire text for a key word or sequence of words, and many other ways Until recently, they have of making connections that cannot be made by thumbing

through a book encyclopaedia. The sort of direction in which the consumer market for computer hardware might go is indicated by a new Sony product, the £350 Data Discman, to become available in Britain later this month.

Looking like a cross between pocket television and a palmtop computer, it has a small liquid crystal display screen and a miniature key-board and will display information stored on smaller 8cm compact discs.

Already, about a hundred data discs are available, some of genuine value compared with many multimedia offerings. Examples include the Chambers

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There is also Harrap's multilingual dictionary covering English, French, German and Japanese: Nicholson's London map, and the Michelin Guide

Who will buy an expensive piece of electronic equipment when a book will do the job much cheaper? What will therefore be crucial will be the price of the data discs. which Sony will not yet discuss. Nicola Baty, marketing

manager for the product, save We do not set the prices for the software, but we hope they will range from £15, in line with books and video games." Initial sales are expected to



Pocket-size electronic encyclopaedia: Nicola Baty and Sony's new Data Discman

be in specialist areas. "One is the company user, who will look up service data on the unit," she says. "The other are men aged between 25 and 55 years. There is a grown-up schoolboy aspect.

"There is also a possibility that it will be taken up for high value publications available on a subscription basis, the sort of publication that costs several thousands pounds a year and is updated every so often with new disc.

"The manufacturers believe that there is a lot of growth in the private sector, whereas growth in the business sector is sluggish," says Chris Fell, an industry analyst with Dataquest, a market research company. "The computer companies have two options. They can either sell at the high end. with high margins but low volumes, or to the mass market with small margins but high volumes.

Their main problem is the distribution system, which is not as well oiled a channel as it is for the leading consumer

The distribution problem is crucial. Even the cheapest PCs are usually sold through several levels of distributors and dealers, who offer a certain amount of after-sales support and general advice to customers. but each middle operator takes a cut.

Selling to the consumer

market needs special skills which is why Amstrad, a consumer company, has had most success in the British consumer market.

The big computer companies are starting to move in. however. One channel they are using is direct selling. usually mail order. An expanding area of the computer press is thick glossy magazines consisting mainly of price lists of more or less identical personal computers, together with order forms.

Direct sales through out-oftown superstores, computer versions of do-it-yourself warehouses, are also expected to boom, with several expected by the end of the year.

Hardware, software, going for a song

The number of com-panies forced into receivership by the recession means a lot of computers, fax machines and office furniture are being sent to auction to meet debts. And bargains are there for the taking.

"The state of the computer market is fairly awful," says John Russell, auctioneer with the London Computer Auction Rooms. "Consequently, the state of our market is very

good. There used to be a twomonth lapse between a product being released and our getting hold of it. Now that period is shortened to six weeks."

When a company goes bankrupt, its computer and furniture assets may be sold at auction. Receivers prefer auctions because they know that a company's assets all will be sold on a particular day and the booked can be closed. The vendor and buyer are usually

charged a fee.

Much of the equipment is virtually new and prices range from between £400 and £500 for a good business computer to E500 for a laser printer. Software typically costs a fifth of the list price.

A lot of good stock also becomes available because dealers, distributors and sometimes manufacturers overstock, then try to dispose of it at reduced prices.

Usually the price you pay depends upon the brand and age of the machine. The standard reduction on fairly new items is usually a third off retail. Some systems, however, realise only about 10 per cent of their true value. Not all auction houses will let you test There are other bargains to be

had at high-tech auctions



Auction man: Darren Latter, of TCS

Vendors must offer a 48-hour warranty'

equipment before you buy.

A mixed bag of potential purchasers attend auctions, among them end users, dealers and manufacturers. through to local and central government and large corpo-

"How you fare depends on who is bidding against you on the day," says Darren Latter. managing director of Technology Computer Services, a com-pany that holds auctions in Kent. "Sometimes you can pick up a bargain, at others you may not be so lucky. Our

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worst turnout has been around 400 people. Our best turnout has been 1,200 people."

For the first-time buyer, the bidding process can be confus-ing and long-winded and can be a big gamble because once you have bought a piece of equipment, you are stuck with it. It is not like a shop where you can take it back and say Sorry. I don't like it'. Once you have bought it, it is yours.

Both TCS and London Auctions have advisers to recommend what is suitable and to keep a close eye on vendors. We bind the vendors to provide a guarantee of description and a 48-hour warranty

which covers the description." Mr Latter, says. "So long as it is not described as seen, the vendor will guarantee it. We manage to connect 99 per cent of the equipment to power, so that at viewing times potential customers can see it, check an

item and satisfy themselves that it is what they want." Most types of payment are accepted, so long as the funds are cleared (authorised by credit card company or sup-

ported by cheque card). The amount of computer goods going through auctions increasing and quality is

improving.
The receivers are tougher these days. Usually they like to get a certain figure back, but it well within what everybody is prepared to pay." Mr Latter

"You cannot get a £10,000 system for £100. Receivers want good money back, even if that amounts to only 10 per

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SOME of the auction houses that sell computer equipment

in the London area: Technology Computer Services Limited, 149 Addington Road, Selsdon, South Croydon (081-651 3639). Auctions

every Saturday, or alternate Saturdays, within the Kent area. Best known for IBM-

compatible equipment. There are usually 1,000 lots of current personal computers, ranging from IBM XTs to 486 systems, as well as laser printers, software, and a seection of add-ous. Sellers are charged between 11 and 18 per cent, depending on value,

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London (071-794 1046). Auctions every fortnight, normally on a Sunday but always at the weekend. Ninety-five per cent of goods sold are 1BM-compatible with an average 1,600 lots. Between 250 and 800 people turn up on certain

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Keep an ear out for the digital wireless

new radio system, described by the BBC as "the most signin-cant development this decade", promises interference-free broadcasts with compact disc sound quality. Digital audio broadcasting, or DAB, is expected to take the wireless into the digital age within three years, as well as introducing a new generation of satellite radio channels.

Since the first digital compact disc players were intro-duced in 1982, sound recording and broadcasting systems have been steadily moving towards digital for-mats that convert the audio signal into a series of numbered pulses,

The vinyl LP is being quick-ly replaced by the CD and there are plans for smaller compact discs and new types of digital audio tape.

The BBC and ITV companies already broadcast digital sound in some areas but only for stereo television programmes using the Nicam system. Existing radio broad-casts use AM or FM analogue systems, which transmit the sound signal as a wave, rather

than a series of pulses.

The FM system can give good quality, stereo sound, but it is not without problems. FM radio was developed in the 1940s and was designed for static roof-top aerials that

of car and portable receivers rose and the broadcasting organisations altered FM signal transmissions to improve portable sound quality.

interference. One problem, known as multipath distortion, occurs when the radio signal bounces off buildings and hills, creating a series of 'echo" signals.

These interfere with the

original signal causing crack-ling and fading. Tall build-ings can also create "dead spots", that cause a receiver to mute and in order to avoid interference between adjacent transmitters, radio stations are broadcast on different freences throughout Britain. That is why drivers have to retune their radios constantly as

they drive across country.
"Most people are fairly happy with radio sound quality," says Henry Price, head of engineering information at the BBC, but they would like

less interference".

One of the problems with digital broadcasting is that millions of pulses of informasecond and these use up a large part of the broadcasting spectrum. The pressure for spectrum space has increased due to the growing number of television, radio and satellite



A better earful: Henry Price, of the BBC, says the new system will be expensive at first, but should drop in price

tems such as radar and cellu-

Another problem is that multipath distortion in a digital signal produces vast num-bers of false pulses which confuse the receiver and cause

Digital broadcasting uses a coding system which is about six times more efficient than that used by the CD format. The coding system makes use of a phenomenon known as "masking". If a quiet sound is mixed with a loud sound of a similar frequency it becomes hidden or "masked".

The system does not bother to code these masked sounds and so much less information is sent. The coding system is so efficient that five digital radio channels could fit into the space currently occupied by a angle FM channel in Britain.

distortion. Because the radio is has more time to differentiate between true and false pulses.

And digital broadcasting uses a second method to remove interference. Instead of transmitting the data as a single stream, it sends hundreds of separate channels, each of which contains relatively few pulses. This gives the receiver even more time to sort

This resistance to interference means a radio station could operate on a single try or continent. Digital broadcasts can be sent via either satellite or terrestrial transmitters, or a mixture of both.

The simplest form of satellite broadcasting would involve pointing a satellite dish directly at an orbiting satellite,

but this method would obviously not be practical for cars or portable radios. The plan is to use satellites

whose signals can be received by a small aerial attached to the roof of a car. An alternative method would involve the satellite sending its signal to a terrestrial transmitter for ground-based distribution. A third system under con-

sideration would use several satellites which constantly switch orbits so that one of them is always in sight of the

In February the World Administration Radio Conference, an international body responsible for allocating broadcasting frequencies, met at Torremolinos in Spain and finalised the satellite frequencies for digital broadcasting.

However, these frequencies unlikely to be free before 2007. For this reason, broadcast organisations are pursuing terrestrial transmissions. One possibility is for digital broadcasts to use unused tele-vision channels — the BBC for example is looking at the old 405-line frequencies. The

BBC has for some time been

using test vans in the London

and Birmingham areas. Digital radios will be operat- the dealers ed by push-buttons and will also receive regular long, medium and FM wave broadcasis, which will co-exist with

Mr Price admits that the first DAB receivers will not be

"However, you have to remember that the first calculators were very expensive, too," he says. "We would expect DAB to be used in all kinds of receivers, from bed-side clock

Do we really need colour?

Advances in PCs offer more choice but they can mean problems

This is a true story of charts and graphics and in-modern office technol-valuable for the Windows ogy. A well-known television producer went to his secretary recently and complained that his computer was proken - he had been typing

eripts all day in green letters on a purple screen. Fortunately the secretary recognised the work of the office wag, who had adjusted the more obscure settings on the colour system. Retribution was swift, but tempered by the oroducer's mortification at his wn ineptitude with an essenrial tool of his trade

Gone are the days when personal computers came in a choice of one colour. Today's office is a blaze of colour and

People use word processors set to a tasteful shade of blue, accounts that are in the red are shown in red and progress up the management hierarchy

can be measured by the size of the colour screen on your desk. Colour displays now account for nine out of every ten personal computers sold and, with volume production, the extra cost of colour is as little as £90. Within two or three years

monochrome will be dead,

offering range of PCs that came with either monochrome or colour displays," London deal-

Action Supplies. This year, we

don't have a single mono system in our catalogue." A bewildering variety of colour displays is available, each with different resolutions and quality of colour.

Advanced designs, such as the bizarre revolving colour which rotates from vertical to horizontal and is selling well, rub shoulders with IBM's tired display standard, which even in its heyday was widely deemed to be scarcely adequate for text display. Some magazine small ad-

owners of Amstrad PCW systems think that this is an advanced feature of their People like colour," says Fiona Macrae of market analysts Romtec. "The trouble is

with green or orange screens

that they do not stop to think. If it looks good at a quick glance, they will buy it." But why does the average user need 256 or more colours? Most computer dealers

explain that colour is useful for

valuable for the Windows graphics interface that they are also selling.

"It's cute." is the response from a more cynical dealer. "It looks really good on their desks, but who needs colour for word processing or ac-

"It is a case of being able to say 'Don't the accounts look preny displayed in green? In fact, pound for pound you get a better quality of display from monochrome."

Parallels can be drawn with the early days of desktop publishing. Many users, given the possibility of publishing their own documents convinced themselves that they had also been granted the ability. Some of the results

were horrible. Are we now starting to see executives who fondly think that they can produce their own colour slides for presentations or print their own colour

brochures? This complaint from a jaded secretary is beginning to sound familiar: "He prepared these chans on his screen in

red and green and blue, and then he asks me to print them out. But they all come

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> > KIM WILSON

Motor racers find the winning formula

Black boxes are helping Formula

One drivers speed around the racing tracks faster than ever before

hen Nigel Mansell took his third chequered flag in a row at the Brazilian grand prix last week, the win highlighted not only the skill of the British driver and his Williams-Renault team, but also the important role of information

technology in motor racing. Mangeli's team, in common with others on the circuit, has been harnessing a telemetry system that allows engineers and mechanics in the pits to monitor the health of a racing car's engine and suspension. The system, developed by

Groupe Bull, in collaboration with software company Gipsi, Silicon Graphics and MIPS Computers, is playing a crucial role in ensuring that Mansell's car and its Renault RS3 engine operate at peak performance. It offers pointers on how to improve preparations for races, while giving designers of the vehicle and its engine clues on improvements

and modifications. Meanwhile, other industries involved in motor racing are finding they are being helped in developing products, says Alain Pajot of Bull. An example is Elf, the French petro-



Helpful advice: sensors on the car transmit information to technicians in the pits who can tell the driver how well his vehicle is performing

chemicals company that sup-plies oils to the Williams-Renault team. It has been able to design new engine oils tailored for different racing conditions around the world.

At the heart of the Bull system are sensors, made by Magneti Marelli, placed at key points around the vehicle. They can pick up features such as oil and water temperature, fuel levels and the behaviour of the car's suspension.

Mounted above the fuel tank is a "black box" where data acquired from the sensors is stored. This is linked to another unit in the cockpit which allows the driver to see on a dashboard LCD screen some of the information coming from the sensors which

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the US Army, in which the National Academy of Sciences

assembled 100 experts to look

at how wars will be conducted

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Mr Pajot says it is crucial not to give the driver all the information from the sensors because it may distract him. After each lap, data stored in the black box is relayed via an antenna mounted on the car to monitoring units in the pits consisting of a computer, a screen and a multigraphics printer. Another screen is also available to the technicians and engineers so they can compare the performance of Mansell's vehicle with the other Williams-Renault car

may be relevant to his driving.

driven by Riccardo Patrese. Up to 100 parameters at a time are relayed in the high frequency transmission from the car, which is triggered by a special signal from the pits.

From this data, engineers can study the performance of the car, drawing up a log that will indicate how the car's various parts are behaving as the race Technicians can then relay

running well". Mr Pajot says. The monitoring data also helps indicate the best time for

Mansell to make a routine or urgent pit stop. Should this any of the car's parameters such as engine speed, by programming a small portable computer that can be connected to the vehicle's engine management system.

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was followed by Porsche and Matra. However, telemetry systems only began making ar appearance in the late 1980s. Mr Paiot says the next developments are starting to emerge in monitoring and relaying information, including stress on the body shell. Such systems are a long way

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cense the designs of its microprocessors to clients in order to broaden its sales base. Sun, the world leader in the

market for workstation computers that are often used by engineers, said it hopes to convince computer makers to sell systems that are based on its Spare chips. Sun said its licensing pro-

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On Monday, 6 April, Morse Computers ? were elected "Lotus UNIX Reseller of the Year". The UNIX platform of Morse's choice is Sun Microsystems, on which merchant banks are choosing to run Lotus 1-2-3 and Lotus Realtime. Today, Morse will hang the plaque next to their "Sun Authorised Reseller of the Year" award.

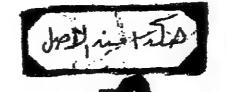
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Low-cost franchises come into fashion

By DEREK HARRIS

DIFFICULTIES with franchisee recruitment are stimulating a new trend - for more modest and cheaper franchises. The result of franchise format owners - the franchisors - exploring ways of easing entry will be a feature of the spring franchise exhibition running at London's Olympia exhibition hall for three days from Friday, April 24.

John Sheppard, franchise manager at National Westminster Bank, expects its annual analysis, due soon, to show a noticeable decline in franchisee recruitment. He blames the economic climate. particularly the property market, since many prospective franchi-sees would normally look to raising cash for their prospective business by pulling some of the value from their homes.

Mr Sheppard said that present conditions tend to favour the cheaper franchises, but, in the past, these have been largely oneman mobile services. They appeal most to the younger person, yet many of those with redundancy cash are middle aged and less interested in being on the road.

David Watts, the marketing director of In Toto, a franchise chain of 44 showrooms offering a litted kitchen service, said: "At one time it was hard to find the right property for an outlet, but easy to get franchisees. Now it's just the opposite." To make entry easier,

In Toto, which is based in Yorkshire, is offering a turnkey operation, finding a showroom, fitting it out and, in several cases, running it so that a prospective franchisee can see how it performs. Nine turnkeys are available with a £50,000 initial investment. Colour Counsellors, the interior design chain, is introducing a "mini" franchise option covering smaller areas. It brings the start-up cost down, in some cases, to £4,000 against £10,000 for a normal franchise. Leadstyle is another franchisor with a lower cost option.



Well, that's election fever out of the way — now back to trying to cure depression"

Turning recession to advantage

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE West Midlands company that Frank Griffiths and Derek Watson worked for went bust. So they turned up when the assets were being auctioned off and bought a piece of machinery weighing 100 tons. Mr Griffiths. aged 52, and Mr Watson, 46, had been in brass stamping all their lives. They had twice worked together in two different companies, using dies to make components for industry and Mr Griffiths, who started on the shop floor at the age of 16, had worked his way up to management

Their employers ceased trading in February last year and the pair realised that age was against them. However, they felt that the recession presented opportunities, particularly as machinery could be acquired cheaply. They paid £950 for a stamping machine from their former employers. It would have cost £20,000 new. Mr Griffiths says: "It was an old

one, but it was what we could afford at the time. Certainly, it has earned its cost 20 times over." It was July before they were able to set up their own company, Penzer Stamping. After three months of searching for premises, they rented a spare corner from a friendly firm in Birmingham. That has had the advantage of keeping overheads down.

Birmingham Venture, an agency aiding start-ups, helped them to get an enterprise allowance of £40 week for the first year. They

Stamping ground: Derek Watson (left) and Frank Griffiths with their two main presses

found that the recession has Increased the use of sub-contractors in many industries. Mr Griffiths and Mr Watson, with their wealth of experience, knew where to look for customers. Three competitors with heavy overheads have gone Into liquidation since they started. Their clients range from the makers of curtain hooks and fittings to those providing parts for Tornado aircraft. Leyland DAF and Lucas

are among the well-known customers who buy their products. Even in the cramped conditions they have bought and set up a second stamping machine. It also cost £950, but this time weighed

cutting machine for £150. Materials also ate up cash and tooling has cost £20,000 so far, but turnover is £10,000 a month and the £6.000 redundancy mon-

150 tons. They have bought a

ey that Mr Griffiths and Mr Watson started with remains intact. All the bills have been paid. Penzer Stamping hopes to be in its own building within 12 months of

start-up.
Mr Griffiths says: "We have turned a lot of work away because we did not have the machinery to do it. A few weeks ago I could have bought a press, but we have no

BRIEFINGS

A series of six training workshops, for directors of small businesses with up to about 20 employees. will be mounted by the Institute of Directors in May and June. Subjects include generating new business, managing your team, personal effectiveness, retaining customers, controlling finance and turning plans into action. Each workshop costs £110 to members, £125 to non-members, both plus VAT. One series will be at Cranford, Middlesex, and one at Crawley, West Sussex.

A booklet on practical cash management for small and medium-sized businesses has been produced jointly by Grant Thornton, the accountant, and Kall Kwik. the print, copy and design chain. Cash Management is available free from any of Grant Thornton's 40 offices or Kall Kwik's 200 branches around the country.

Telephone and computer banking services are becoming more popular with small businesses, according to National Westminster Bank, which says that last year saw a near 150 per cent rise in signings by small firms for its telephone banking service. Computer banking saw a 65 per cent rise among small businesses.

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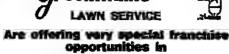
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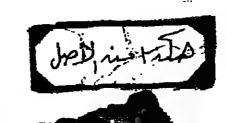
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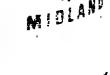
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Bulldog buckles down to success

By SIMON WALSH

Lane quickly found his niche as a busy freelance model-maker, creating the special effects for advertising agencies. However, after 18 months of four-foot tomatoes, exploding toffee and putting the gripping stuff into Pirelli tyre commercials, he found that he was not entirely satisfied. Today, three years on, he has his own business, is providing employment for others and is setting his sights still

Beginning with an annual turn-over of £33,000 and a 14 ft sq unit in a shopping centre, the Bulldog Buckle Company now has premises in Taunton High Street, Somerset, an annual turnover approaching £250,000 and serious intentions for an international market.

Simon said: "Working on a free-lance basis you get to a level where jobs are coming in and going out and you feel you want more, but I could see no further scope for development in what I was doing. So I decided that I wanted to start my own business. I felt that in doing so I would eventually earn more and achieve greater job satisfaction.

Simon's brother, Graham, had been made redundant from an American engineering company, so he had a partner with an engineering background. The only question was deciding

what this new business was to be.

AFTER leaving the Kent Institute of Art and Technology, Simon another problem, as Simon exanother problem, as Simon explains.

He said: "I had bought three new pairs of trousers and had spent an afternoon looking for belts to match them,

"There was nothing anywhere, so I started to think how the Sock Shop and the Tie Rack had filled gaps in the market. I thought that we could do the same for belts." After talking to belt manufacturers and also to family and

friends, the brothers each invested

£5,000, topped up by an £8,000 loan from the National Westminster Bank. Another gap in the market appeared. Customers started asking

for decorative buckles to go with

their belts. Supplies from a wholesaler were American-designed and manufactured. An ex-paratrooper walked into the shop with a tattoo of a cartoon buildog and the legend "Proud to be British" and asked for a buckle with the same design. With the combined modelling

and engineering skills of the two brothers and £100 borrowed from the belt shop, the buckle-making operation was in progress.

Simon said: "The first buckles we made went to wholesalers selling us American buckles. Seven out of eight placed reasonably big

orders, so within a few months we had recouped our initial outlay with some capital to spare." Advertisements in armed forces



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cycle magazines. In the meantime, Simon and Graham kept listening to their

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The Lane brothers approached Queen, the rock group, who agreed to have badges made. The death of Freddy Mercury, the lead singer, boosted sales. They have negotiated the right to sell their Queen badges direct to the public and this they intend to do

internationally. They are also recruiting more agents, some full-time sales staff, designers and a marketing manager.

Simon says: "It's going to take a while to get established in the market, but one day I want to be number one, because as far as l'm concerned that's the only place to

Rescheduling of debts needs caution to avoid hidden costs

By RODNEY HOBSON

REFINANCING business debts to cut costs rarely produces the benefits expected, according to Milbourne, the commercial finance broker based in New Malden. Surrev.

Milbourne reached its conclusion after interviewing a range of banks and other lenders and studying the cases of business proprietors who had refinanced.

Nigel Risner, Milbourne chief executive, says: "For years we have been advising caution in refinancing to reduce monthly outgoings because we suspected the benefits were much more limited than many advisers were suggesting. Our research has confirmed this to be so, to an even greater extent than we realised." He says refinancing remained an attractive proposition for expanding a business, but was highly questionable as a measure to reduce finance costs on an existing commitment. The research produced three

main reasons why promised savings failed to appear. Setting up refinance proved unexpectedly expensive, with surveys and legal costs to pay. Lenders often imposed additional costs such as redemption fees and new life assurance cover. Borrowers failed to realise how long it would take perhaps two or three years - for any reduced interest rates to pay for the hidden costs.

Mr Risner says: "It may seem odd for a broker to put people off a lucrative source of fee income for us. Refinancing is not always a had idea but there are often far better ways of reducing costs and in view of our research findings these alternatives are even more attractive. People thinking of buying, expanding or refinancing a business can be obsessed with the interest rates on the loan."

Possible alternatives include reviewing insurance cover, including the proprietor's life cover. Strong businesses may be able to negotiate cuts in the interest rate on the existing loan, especially if they can threaten to take business to another bank. Mr Risner says: "Banks are very reluctant to lose good customers so it is a pity to throw away the opportunities which this presents."

Putting redundancy money to work

grab their redundancy cheques and rush straight into setting up their own businesses, according to advice given by National West-minster Bank (Rodney Hobson writes).

More than 50,000 businesses were started in 1991 by people who had been made redundant. Jane Bradford, head of the bank's small business services, says: "It is vital that people made redun-dant and thinking of setting up

their own businesses do not do so on the rebound."

She says that budding entrepreneurs should not be deceived by what might seem like a large amount of money when they receive a freshly signed cheque. When it is put into a business venture it can disappear quickly.

She adds: "Do not put all your money into the business. Split it so you have some in reserve for emergencies and invest it to earn the maximum guaranteed return

retain easy access to the money. Entrepreneurs should research the viability of the business. If there is no market for the product it cannot succeed.

Mrs Bradford says new busi-nesses should make the best use of loans, grants and bursaries for which they are eligible. Enterprise agencies, training and enterprise councils and banks keep up-to-date information on national and local help available.

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The Siberian athlete who dreads the chill hand of the taxman and the federation begging bowl

Tolstikov budgets for further success

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

TODAY most taxpayers working in Britain will know where they stand. Not Yakov Tolstikov, who is here temporarily from the Siberian mining town of Kemerovo to boost his income and defend his ADT London Marathon title on Sunday. Last year's victory cost him £4,000 in tax and a compulsory donation of £17,000 to the Soviet federation.

How much of his earnings on Sunday will be taxed? "I don't know," he said yesterday. "We have been paying 20 per cent but I have not been home for two weeks. It changes all the time."

Tolstikov was left with only £12,500 for his impressive morning's work a year ago, when he broke away at 14 miles to win by more than a minute. A year is a long time in politics, especially where Tolstikov comes from.

Last April he was running for the Soviet Union, on Sunday it will be for the unified team; in those days he was told where to train, now he trains where he likes, more or less: in last year's marathon he was ordered to camouflage his shoes to conceal the brand he was wearing but yesterday national team officials were negotiating an individual deal with a shoe company on his behalf outside the team arrangement. And this time they will take less than the 50 per cent of his race earnings which they took last year.

The break-up of the Soviet Union has even transformed its runners' Olympic marathon trial. London, not somewhere in the former Soviet Union, is where performances count for Barcelona.

Though Toistikov has been selected already, the other two places will go to those who show up best here on Sunday. It is a limited guest list though: only two of the states are represented: Russia and Ukraine. "The strongest marathon runners were always from Russia and Ukraine."

"It is difficult to find a place to hold a trial because its difficult to find neutral territory," Tolstikov said. "And being here to compete against the best athletes is a lot better." And money to the federation which needs it more than ever before.

Two months training in Florida, then fine-tuning in

Brighton for the last fortnight, has been a pleasant change. He used to complain of "no freedom for normal training" while his coach. Victor Fornin, objected to being ordered to attend a series of training camps". Brighton seemed more like a holiday camp, staying in a seafront guest house with no trouble finding food, as there

"Politically we are free but from an economic point of view it has got tougher," he said. "But to leave your home is a big step." At the age of 32, he may not have many paydays left, so he has been working on his security. After dropping out of the world championships in Tokyo, he used his drawing power as the London Marathon champion to earn well from commercial marathons in Carpi. Italy, and Fukuoka.

As in Tokyo, he ran well in neither: he was eleventh in Carpi and ninth in Fukuoka. He needs a victory to keep up his market value. If not here then at the Olympics, Anyway, he has something to prove in Barcelona.

Four years ago he won the Soviet national championship but was not selected for Seoul. And he is suspicious that he was said to have failed a drugs test in 1985 because the federation did not want him in its team for the World Cup. He wants to show that, freed of his chains, he can make a mark at Olympic level. Tolstikov's London title will come under siege from the Mexicans, among others. Half a dozen are here and. according to their manager, Luis Posso, any one of them could run under 2hr 10min. Mexican distance running is booming and the three who go to the Olympics will have

The three fastest times of the season will clinch the places and, after the Rotterdam and Beppu marathons. the Mexicans here are left with a target of 2:09.28 to get in the team. The most likely contenders are Maurilio Castillo and Marcelino Chrisanto with the latter apparently the one making noises. "In Chicago in 1990 in his first marathon he got to halfway in 63 min 53 sec." Posso said. "Now he thinks he can go at that pace to the

earned their places.



Frontrunner: Tolstikov training on the beach at Brighton before defending his London Marathon title

Frei leads the wheelchair chase

THERE will be a new wheelchair champion in the ADT London Marathon on Sunday. Last year's winner, Farid Amarouch, of France, has not returned to defend his title.

and Hakan Ericsson, the

There is a strong overseas entry led by the holder of the world best time, Heinz Frei, of Switzerland. He set his record in Assen at the World Games two years ago, recording 1hr 27min 05sec, but will not repeat that feat on Sunday on the notoriously slow, winding London course. Chasing him will be the Swedish pair, Bo Lindkvist

There is little to separate these two, Lindkvist being faster by one second with a personal best time of 1:32:20. The large British contin-

gent in the 63-strong field is headed by David Holding, from Kettering. He last won the race in 1989 but, as he is the first to admit, the overseas competitors were not as strong then.

Since winning he has been struck by bad luck, pulling out ten miles into the race with hypothermia in the raindrenched 1990 event, and just losing touch with the leaders in the closing stages

way until we hit the cobblestones," he said. "They are terrible. They slow you down and the carpet they lay over the top doesn't help, it rucks up and drags under the wheels. The top pack opened up a gap on me there and I nished sixth."

In theory the London course should favour the likes of Holding. aged 23, men with a good sprint finish, but he says: "It's a slow race because it's a hard course and often you haven't got any-thing left at the end." While his best time is 1:37:21, that was recorded

the roads were good and the straights long. He is looking to equal last year's achievements and finish in the top

The women's race fields only five competitors, all from Britain. Rose Hill, the British road-racing grand prix champion from Milton Keynes, is the favourite. Her best time of 2:12:14 may be well off the men's record but in one battle of the sexes the London Marathon has a female winner. Yvonne and Barry Holloway will both be in action, with Yvonne streets ahead of Barry on paper, with a personal best time 45 min**EQUESTRIANISM**

Stark choice may be swayed by cool temperament

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN Stark, the European three-day event champion. will give his two Olympic contenders, Murphy Himself and Glen Burnie, their first competition of the season at the Pedigree Chum Belton Horse Trials in Lincolnshire. starting today. It will be Glen Burnie's first outing since winning the European championships at Punchestown in Ireland last September.

Belton, a traditional pre-Badminton outing, has attracted a quality field. The numbers have been swelled by the large contingent of foreign riders who are using British facilities to prepare for the Olympics. Fifteen countries are represented, including Spain, Korea, Japan. South Africa, Australia and Canada.

The British entry includes Virginia Leng, the former world and European champion, with Master Craftsman and Welton Houdini, Richard Walker, with Jacana, and Mary Thomson, with King William, all members of the gold medal-winning team at Punchestown. Lorna Clarke, with Fearliath Mor, and Rodney Powell, winner of Badminton last year, are also in the field. Although Stark has been excused Badminton by the

selectors and is automatically shortlisted for the Olympics he is still intending to ride there with one of his two famous greys. It is most likely to be Glen Burnie, the horse he may also ride in Barcelona. "There is little to choose between them." Stark, who was runner-up at Badminton on Murphy Himself last year. said, "but Glen Burnie is probably better at coping

with the heat."
If he does ride the 14-yearold son of Precipice Wood at Badminton, Stark will be trying to win. "There is no point in going to Badminton just to hack round." he said.

New Zealand's dual Olympic champion. Mark Todd. heads the foreign entry. The former dairy farmer, aged 37. has just returned from competing in France with his Olympic show jumping contender, Kleenex Double

The trials, for which the going is reported to be per-fect, begin with today's

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Videos should raise profile of athletes

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WHAT started out as a finals project for a degree in design and media management was launched this week as a promotional campaign to raise the profile of paralympic athletes on their way to the summer Games.

The six five-minute videos feature some of Britain's best medal prospects, showing them training, competing and discussing themselves and their ambitions. They were made by Theresa Cross and Christina Clayton, both students at the Polytechnic of West London.

"The problem of their disability wasn't even approached unless it was mentioned by the athletes themselves," Clayton said. "When we filmed them we filmed them as able-bodied athletes in that we were filming the sport and not the disability."

one of the athletes featured, is pleased with the end result. The films portray us as good athletes for a change," he said. "They didn't plaster all over it that I was partially sighted.

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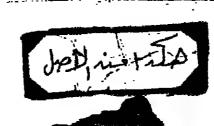
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throw the top opponents. not just win on a decision." She will need that confidence on Saturday, when she also faces Christel Deliege, of Belgium, Fabienne Boffin, of France, Loretta Cusack, of

The British women's squad is tipped to win a clutch of medals at Barcelona. Karen Briggs, the bantamweight, Diane Bell, the lightweight, and Kate Howey, the middleweight who meets the world champion, Emanuella Pierantozzi, of Italy, will not want

in an Olympic year. There are a number of weight categories in the men's events that are still not

In the light-heavyweight (under-95kg) category. Ray from The Stevens, Budokwai, in London, returns to action 15 months after a knee operation. He has the natural ability to do well, but to walk straight into an event of this calibre, with 20 countries competing, is a tali order.

PROGRAMME: To



Partnership built on pursuit of speed

here is only one team sport in the Olympics that requires a closer relationship than this one. and that is the team of horse and rider in three-day eventing. "Which one of us is the horse, then?"

Pairs rowing is the ultimate buddy-movie sport: two men attempting to fuse minds and bodies into one to become a mechanical contrivance for victory. "No captain. Captain's been dropped." The relationship needs banter, like Butch Cassidy and the

Sundance Kid. Steven Redgrave is going for gold again. At this early stage, Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, as the world champions, are favourites for gold in the coxless pairs, and Redgrave could become the first Briton to win gold at three successive Olympics since two water polo-players, Charles Sidney Smith and Paul Radmilovic, did it in

1908, 1912 and 1920. Redgrave won in the coxed four in 1984, and in the coxless pair with Andy Holmes in 1988. Holmes then retired, and Redgrave needed a new partner. It is natural to banter about divorce and re-marrisge, and to ask teasing questions like "when did you feel you were right for each other".

Redgrave is now 30, stately and laconic. He is married now - really married - "and I have a little kid to look after as well. I mean, other than Manhew." Pinsent, his latest Sundance, is 21, with an amiable, grinning demeanour that must have driven his

teachers into a frenzy.
It is a straightforward Hollywood scenario: the seen-itall, done-it-all ageing gun. fighting against jadedness, teams up with the jolly, smart-alec kid who is simply too fast to be kicked out of his

The years between 21 and 30 represent an inter-stellar gap. It is easy to reach 21 with your illusions and dreams unmodified: almost impossible to reach 30 in the same state. Most 30-year-olds have known deep happiness and deep despair: most 21year-olds only think they

A partnership of any kind across such a gap is by defini-tion unusual, and it requires something unusual to hold it together. Redgrave and

Pinsent have speed.

SIMON BARNES

CONTENDERS

Holmes, Redgrave set up a trial marriage with an oars-man called Simon Beresford, but this irretrievably broke down when Beresford had a back injury. Redgrave looked around for talent, and saw it: 'It seemed obvious to try a

pair with Matthew." "He had it all worked out," Pinsent said. "This was what he wanted." Pinsent, clearly had ability, technique and strength, along with massive self-confidence. If the two of them could make the boat go fast, they would work out a personal relationship on -

quite literally - the strength of their joint abilities. "There was no choice." Redgrave said. "It was that or give up. And rowing with Matthew was obvious. To see If it would work. And it did basically from the first time

Why did Redgrave seek yet another partnership? Why did he not strike out on his own, in single sculls? "Not fast enough. Simple as that. I always fancied sculling, and I was always the fastest sculler in this country by far. But in Europe, I was back in the pack. After you've been wining medals, it would be diffi-cult to go sculling to see if I could possibly make a final."

This, then, is a marriage of convenience. From Redgrave's point of view, a mar-riage of necessity. As for Pinsent, he was going to need his cockiness and his selfconfidence: Holmes was a desperately hard act to follow. Anything less than victory would be failure.

And the pair failed to win their first world championship. "I couldn't face that at all," Pinsent said. "I had really expected to win. We blew it in the final. Inexperience. Lack of racing. We'd only been together a couple of months. We came back deter-

mined to take all the next "Tensions creep in when the boat is not going well."

automatic thing to do is blame things on the other person." As in marriage, of course. In a football team, you have ten other people to

blame. "If it was just a Sunday morning paddle, it wouldn't matter if it was going well or badly. But we have somewhere to go, a goal to achieve." In a Sunday morning pair, friendship is the goal, sport the means. With these two, victory is the goal: their relationship the

"When the pair is not going smoothly the automatic reaction is to get tense, and the doubts start to creep in." The two of them told, with great relish, the story of their major on-board row: two hulking great men in the middle of a ake in Canada sitting in a minute strip of boat and roar-

ing at each other like bulls.

Off the water, things be-

said. "Not just in training. It's natural to be competitive in the weights room. But cards, golf, anything, it

This was stirred up by an ostentatious piece of manmanagement by the British (former East German) rowing coach, Jurgen Grobler. He shifted Pinsent to the stroke position, to Redgrave's

Steven Kengrave

Biom: March 23, 1962, Age; 30, Honours: 1964: Olympic Gemes coxed four gold inedat, 1995: World chempionship coxed pair with Andy Holmes, 1987: World chempionship coxess pair (with Holmes), 1988: Olympic Games coxed pair brozza medal (with Holmes); Olympic Games coxiess pair gold medal (with Holmes), 1990: World chempionship coxiess pair brozza medal (with Holmes).

Steven Redgrave

abashed delight. They may not race in this formation in Barcelona, but the swapping about has kept things cooking between the two of them.

doesn't take much to get us Manhew has developed very quickly, partly as a result of rowing at stroke, and it has got to the stage that we are now equally matched, Redgrave said. "In the bow seat, I can control things a lot more, and use my experience of racing. I think that helps disgust and Pinsent's un-

Matthew Pinsent Sorn: October 10, 1970. Age: 21. Honours: 1988: World junior championship coxtess four. 1990: World championship coxtess path bronze medal (with Staven Redgrave); Bost Race winner with Oxford. 1991: World champion coxtess with full bandcrass.) Sort

ENGLAND v BRAZIL

17th May

at WEMBLEY

3.00pm kick-off.

Two men in a boat: Redgrave, rear, and Pinsent pair their strength, aiming for an Olympic gold. Photograph: Hugh Routledge the pair. But the longer the

> tens to me." Racing decisions are traditionally left to the bowman because he has the breath to talk". But leadership is not an issue in pairs rowing: races are not tactical. They are won

and lost in the training of the winter before. *Competitive, that's the word for Steve," Pinsent said. Aggressive, dedicated dedicated to the point of quashing other things, and that is the big difference between us. Steve is more cut-

comes to training."
"Working with Manthew
has made things a little bit more light-hearted, Redgrave said. "Andy Holmes and I were very intense. We were very dedicated to achieving our goals, but that was it. It was the only thing we were interested in.

throat than I am when it

one side. As soon as training

finished, we went our separate ways. We lived a long way apart.
"Matthew and I are very professional indeed when we

laugh and a joke about things. And we like playing golf together, things like that. "When you have been competing internationally as long as I have, it's hard to do the same things year in, year out.

If you make a change, it can

get on the water, but there are

times when we can have a

can be good." There is no doubt about it: Sundance has revitalised old Butch, put a spring in his step, cheered him up, made him smile and made him feel young. Redgrave is now talking about the 1996 Olympics. So is Pinsent. "As long as the pair keeps winning. we'll keep rowing it," Pinsent said. "We won't ask questions until we starting getting

BOXING

Wharton must stay wide awake

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

HENRY Wharton, the exciting young Commonwealth super-middleweight champion from York, is going to give his supporters many "heart attacks" before he reaches that world title he appears

destined to lift. He kept a packed Leeds Town Hall waiting and worrying for eight rounds on Wednesday night before stopping Rod Carr, the tough Australian. Like most onepunch men he has a tendency to go to sleep when they come across opponents who can

They appear to have such confidence in their punch that they do not mind waiting for the right moment to land it and causing concern to friends. It used to be like that with Colin Jones the great one-punch man from

Swansea. While Wharton had Carr down the last time they met in June he could not keep him down, but this time he made sure, piling into him in the eighth round.

Wharton admitted: "I always seem to go to sleep and wake up when he hits me. I keep thinking about having to go 12 rounds. This was only my fifteenth fight. I'm learning all the time.

Wharton will have to stay wide awake when he meets the British champion, Fidel Castro Smith, of Sheffield, in June. Smith is a clever boxer despite his other name being Slugger O'Toole. Because Wharton has such a big following his manager, Mickey Duff, is going to put on the either Headingly, the Rugby League ground, or Valley

☐ Chris Pyan will make the second defence of his Commonwealth light-middleweight title against James Tapisha, of Zambia, in Wol-

verhampton on April 28. ☐ The IBF cruiserweight title bout between Johnny Nelson. of Britain, and James Warring, of the United States, on May 2 will take place in Fredericksburg.

FINLAND v ENGLAND

A decoder is required to receive Sky Sports

4.30pm kick-off.

3rd June

Barcelona counts the days

FROM TON CLARKE

IN HARCELONA

WITH 105 days to go, Bar celona is nearly ready to present its unique Olym-pics, its monument to both the heights of technology and the pragmatism of urban and social regener-

Forty-two of the 44 sites

are complete; the other two will be by Easter. On Sunday, the gates will be locked to the last coach tour, and they will not be opened to the public until the Olympic torch is carried into Mont-juic Stadium on July 25. Between now and then, the access roads will be completed, the villages for

the competitors and the camp-followers will be furnished, the communications cables will be burrowed under the freshlylandscaped approaches, the security operation will be practised and tested, and Cobi. the designer mascot, will be attached to anything that has paid for an Olympic connection.

The trouble is that too many people want to be at Cobi's party, the biggest in-ternational festival sport has known.

transport to the Olympics and free accommodation for 10,000 athletes. It built Olympic villages for those 10,000 plus 5,000 officials. But nearly 19,000 (13,000 competitors and 6,000 of-ficials) have applied for places and, with 31 coun-tries still to confirm their

teams, the final total may be nearer 20,000. The Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee (COOB) points particularly at the huge applications from the United States (958 against 778 at Scoul four years ago). Germany (798), the Commonwealth of Inde-pendent States (689), and south Africa, which wants to mark its readmission to the Olympics by having 300 representatives. (Britain, by the way, has asked for

places for at most 400 competitors and 180 officials). Where are all the extra people going to be housed? And who pays for them? A delegation from the International Olympic Commit-

tee (IOC) is here this week trying to find the answers. In the long term, there has to be a heavy pruning of the number of Olympic competitors and officials and, most likely, in the number of sports. It is too

bigger delegations and a re-housing of many of the officials in the apparently under-subscribed hotels are land, like Sydney). parts of the solution for Barcelona was awarded the Games after three un-

1992. However, the more positive view is that, no matter how the Olympic ideal has been rewritten, the Olympic family is growing — and can continue growing — and that Barce-lona is enjoying its Olympic Let the imagination run free as you gaze down from Montjuic over the city and you can see the Barcelo experience working for Manchester's campaign to stage the Olympics in 2000: an old but proud industrial city creating an Olympic vil-lage where worn-out fac-

celona's case, seven kilometres of new beaches where the railway and in-dustry had hogged the coastline; and an urban motorway.

"All this is not for financial gain," in the words of COOB, "but as a gift to the inhubitants. We will have a different city for 1993. We will have jumped 20 years

in five years"...All because

tories had been decaying

two years ago; leisure space from misused land (in Bar-

city that cannot command cheap labour, like Peking and Brasilia, or abundan

successful bids. Much of the peripheral work will be done by a corps of 30,000 volunteers, whose training is financed by the Spanish car manufacturer, Scat. Barcelona's Olympic-led investment, over six years, in everything from roads to stadiums, is backed by a combination of national provincial, city, national lot-

tery and private money to-talling £4.2 billion. Barcelona's population of 1.75 million (with another 2.25 million in the metropolitan area) is not so very different from Greater Manchester's 2.6 million. (And there are even contributions from Britain in Norman Foster's design for the 268-metre high tele-communications tower and

Hugh Hudson's direction of the film of the Games). important old city is becom-

Anyone who believes that the Olympics are not a pow-er for social reinvigoration and that Manchester's cause is a lost one needs to go no further than Barcelona to be corrected ... An You can find other lines of ing an important new one.

EXCLUSIVELY LIVE! INTERNATIONAL ACTION CIS v ENGLAND **HUNGARY** v **ENGLAND** 29th April 3.30pm kick-off. 12th May 30pm kick-off

JUDO Thoughts of revenge inspire Rendle

BY A CORRESPONDENT IF SHARON Rendle wins her seventh British Open title at Crystal Palace this weekend, it will give her more

satisfaction than ever. The imminence of the Olympics, where women's judo is on the main programme for the first time, has drawn a top-class field, led by Alessandra Giunji, the Italian who deprived Rendle of a third world title in Barcelona

last year. "I desperately want to beat her," Rendie, the 25-year-old featherweight from Grimsby. said. "We know each other so well that our contests are always close. But since winning the Tournoi de Paris in January, I have regained my confidence in my ability to

Scotland, and two Japanese

to lose before a home crowd

filled for the Olympics, and performances in the British Open could tip the balance. There should be a thrilling competition in the featherweight (under-65kg) category, where Ian Freeman, from the Camberley club, is jostling for selection with the Scot, Mark Preston.



LANSTEWARD

Hare returns as director of rugby for Nottingham

By DAVID HANDS RUGITY CORRESPONDENT

NOTTINGHAM, on the brink of relegation from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, injected a surge of interest into their season yesterday with the announcement that Dusty Hare, the former England full back, will become their first paid director of

Hare, aged 39, a farmer in South Clifton, near Newark, will take up his appointment on June 1 after he has organised the running of his 300-acre farm. Whether the club for whom he played be-tween 1970 and 1976 will be in the first or second division by then may hinge on the result of tomorrow's game against Northampton, the first-division leaders.

The job, reported to be worth around £25,000 a year,

CARDIFF rugby club, for the

first time in its 115-year his-

tory, is drawing attention to itself for its failures rather

than successes. The club has

never looked so frayed at the

edges, giving the impression of being carelessly adrift in a rugby world which is chang-

ing, and with which it is not

yet able to come to terms.

In the past, Cardiff always
seemed to get it right; polished and so smoothly run.

they inspired envy and re-

spect. Now there is an air of

times past failing to come to

playing standards over sever-

al seasons, which is now

becoming acute. It is hardly

believable that Cardiff.

which pronounced itself

"The Greatest" in its cente-

nary book, have won only three of its matches and,

since January, have failed to

shift itself from a position

There has been a decline in

grips with the new.

three years ago as the world record scorer of over 7.000 points in first-class rugby. was preferred from a shortlist

This season Nottingham. cup semi-finalists a year ago. have faltered at the same time that Alan Davies has been coaching Wales. Davies's coaching, allied to the determination of a generation of club administrators to lift Nottingham out of the shadow of nearby Leicester and Coventry, contributed significantly to their elevation to the top six clubs in England during the 1980s.
This season Nottingham

have had to cope with the unavailability of, or injury to. key players such as Simon Hodgkinson, Gary Rees and Chris Gray. "I'm going into it with open eyes," Hare said. "Alan Davies has made Nottingham a successful side and overnight you don't change

GERALD DAVIES

second-from-bottom of the

For the moment the club

is consoled only by the fact that no team will drop down

to the second division this

season, but the guillotine

a disconsolate mood. Specta-

tors at home matches are

down dramatically, bar

The prospect of relega-

tion next season, if we were

to stay as we are, does sharp-

en the mind," David Hay-ward, the former Wales

flanker and Cardiff captain

"Our results over the last

couple of seasons are self-evidently the worst in the

club's history. We are now,

though, in the process of putting that right and are

takings greatly diminished.

On and off the field there is

Heineken first division.

will operate next ve

He will bring a wealth of experience gleaned from 25 international appearances at full back between 1974 and 1984, a tour with the British Isles to New Zealand in 1983, and a glittering career with Leicester for whom he



restructuring the club." The last two weekends have been

devoted entirely to meetings

"A small executive commit-

tee, drawn from the general

committee, will be the day-to-

day decision makers." Hay-ward said. "In the past, our structure did not allow for

immediate response and quick decisions. We hope to

The club is also to appoint

an executive to run the rugby section of the Cardiff Athlet-

ic Club and a coaching

organiser to co-ordinate the

teams Cardiff run from

under-15 level upwards. In this way, if they get it right, Cardiff will be in a

better position than almost

all other League clubs in the

future. They cater for more

than one generation, while

the others only run one

to streamline the system.

Sleeping giant begins to stir

gural league title in 1988.

"I'm a Nottinghamshire boy and I'm proud to be back," he said. "I hope we can do something to bridge the gap between the club and the many others in the Notts. Lines and Derby area."

Ken Thomas, the Nottingham University lecturer, retires as honorary team manager at the end of this

□ Neck and knee injuries have forced Donal Lenihan, the Ireland lock foward, to retire after an 11-year career. He won 52 international caps, making his debut against Australia in 1981, his last game being against Wales in the recently concluded five nations' championship. He captained Ireland on 17 occasions, including the 1987 World Cup and played for the Barbarians

which offers a firmer direc-

tion on and off the field now

that there are so many

changes occurring. This must

happen sooner rather than later and we will hope that everything will be in place by the summer," Hayward said.

The first part of the reorganisation could soon be completed. Alec Evans, the

former assistant coach of

Australia, is considering an

offer to become the first co-

Evans, aged 54, who

tralia's grand slam tour of Britain in 1984, has report-edly been offered a salary of

over £30,000 and an execu-

tive position in the club.

He said: "It's a big decision to make at my stage of life to go to another country.

I have to consider my family,

the quality of life in Queen

ordinator of coachi



In the right lane: Fibbens believes that his individual approach can take him to the Olympic final

A free spirit of the freestyle

BY CRAIG LORD

AS SOMEONE who advocates progress through quality (not quantity) training, and financial incentives, Mike Fibbens, swimming's World Cup series champion, fits uneasily in an amateur world slow to change. To him, money is time is money - you get out what you put in, both physically and financially.

Given such logic, a £5,000 Times/Minet award provides Fibbens, aged 24, with the opportunity to hone a natural talent that helped him to win a European championship bronze medal last year and lift the World Cup series sprint freestyle prize in

February. It was his success in the shadow of Mount Olympus last summer that set him

apart from the two other Britons who now rank in the top ten in the world at 50 metres. While some argued that his pre-selection for the Olympics would deprive him of incentive. Fibbens has shown no

sign of weakened resolve. "Lane four in the final is my aim," he says of Barcelona. "I want them to know I'm there to do business. I want them to

wonder what the hell an En-

glishman is doing in lane

four." After the World Cup

final six weeks ago, such a possibility should no longer When Fibbens looked

across from his centre lane

after the 50 metres, it was to

see that two of his English team-mates, Mark Foster, a training partner at Barnet in Shortman, the delighted World Cup champion, had

relegated him to third place. His reaction to that defeat. at the end of a ten-week period in which he had maintained extraordinary form, showed him to have acquired quality some say he had lacked — maturity. Fibbens agrees, while passionately defending his right to be an individual and at the same time claiming a need for team support. His attitude and

form will soon face their most

severe test before Barcelona. At the Edinburgh Open meeting next week, Aleksandr Popov will head a band of five Russians in the British grand prix 100 metres freestyle who have all recorded times faster than the British

The Times/Minet Supreme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet the Londonbased firm of international insurance brokers, to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olympic Games this administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely medal contenders.

SPORTS LETTERS

Racing must have an elected lobby

ethics.

more of the paying public to its courses. In each of the last two years, only five million people paid to attend the 1,000 race days at the 59 racecourses, with bank holidays and Saturdays contributing half the total. Big crowds do go to the major events, such as Royal Ascot, Epsom Derby, and the Goodwood, York, Chester and Cheltenham festival meetings, which are held in

The Horserace Betting Levy Board insists on at least two meetings daily, wrongly believing that more racing with more runners generates a greater betting turnover. In reality it means more bets of lower value stakes. To increase turnover requires a greater share of national wages, either by attracting people from other soons and cambling or the gamblers having more money to play The prize fund is around

midweek and are profitable.

£40 million, most of which is out in by the Levy Board. sponsors and owners. Racecourses cannot contribute to the prize fund without

Short of space

Sir. I have long been

supporter of all-seat stadi-

ums However, after my first

visit to Wembley to watch the

recent Zenith Data Systems

Cup final, I now have a lot

more sympathy with those

who prefer to stand. Frankly.

the seats are not big enough

I had not previously appre-

clated the limitations of

putting seating on to terraces

originally designed for stand-

ing. Speciators use a lot more

ground area sitting down

than standing up, and the

steps on the terraces are not

deep enough to provide ade-

quate space. For £19 one got a

very cramped seat, in a stadi-

um that looks old and outdat-

ed, and where the facilities

are still very poor by any

The only positive factor was

that the seating did actually

protect one from being

crushed, as, once in the seat.

nobody was physically able to

Waterlooville, Hampshire.

Yours faithfully,

TERRY WEBB.

10 The Briars.

Waterberry Drive.

international comparison.

to sit in.

From Mr Terry Webb

From Mr Rex Hamey
Sir, Horse racing is a spectator sport and must attract must have a break-even figure

enough punters through the 100.000 people who owe their wages to horse racing but don't go racing or touch a for a race day, but the method of funding the prizes allows them to ignore basic business

> As the average admission charge is about £11.50, they have over £55 million to run the races and improve their property. Obviously having a race meeting at a time when the public won't go is foolish and should be stopped.
>
> A total of 86 million guin-

eas was paid for racehorses bought through the sales rings; add to that another 2,000 horses bred by owners to race, at an average of £7,500 each, and you have a total of over £100 million. Note that VAT is levied on about half the horses sold, all the training and the other service charges, amounting to £40 million.

Betting tax currently yields £400 million from punters. The 12,000 betting shops contribute another astronomical sum — together with newspapers, transport and catering firms also dependent on the racing for customers by way of business rates and taxes too mixed to include here, as is the value of the

the British Paralympic Asso-

ciation's logo was "too similar

As a past (non-disabled)

swimmer at national level

and a staff team member with

the British Paralympic team

in Seoul, I would have said

that the two logos were in fact

too dissimilar. Members of

the Paralympic team train as

hard and are as elite as their

to its own".

A racehorse in training and racing ten times a season costs about £9,000. From the monthly returns, normally over 12,000 horses are in training, giving another sum of well over £100 million. Of the £40 million prize-

money, 22 per cent goes to trainers, jockeys and, to a lesser extent, stable lads. Sta-ble staff cost £31.4 million, to which can be added the stud labour costs of £18 million. This is already included in the horse costs, but the figure is used here to show how little the actual workforce costs that generates the £4 billion betting turnover and £400

The new government must be lobbied by a democraticalelected body from the whole of the racing industry. Racing has milked its owners while listening to Jockey Club excuses and watching the bookmaking giants make fortuncs.

Yours faithfully. REX HAMEY, Fairspear Studfarm, Leafield. Witney, Oxfordshire.

counterparts in the Olympic team and are as deserving of

Worthy equals From Mr David Loveman the Olympic rings. The time is long past when the BOA and the Internation-Sir. You report (April 2) that the British Olympic Associ-ation (BOA) complained that al Olympic Committee

should have recognised these facts and granted use of the ultimate in sporting symbols to sportsmen and women alongside whom I would have been proud to stand - had I Yours faithfully. DAVID LOVÉMAN.

3 Sandrock House, Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Larger court

From Mr D. A. H. Davies Sir, Further to Dr Ian J. Dilworth's letter (April 2), has it been considered that the science of sports equipment may be countered by size? The bigger the racket, the bigger the ball, and, probably the most outrageous, why not increase the playing area?

If the squash court were to be enlarged, fitness, already the major piece of equipment, would become very apparent. The professional let would become obvious and the skill of the exponent extremely

relevant. The lob and drop shots of

the older generation would become effective and stretch modern-day training. Squash would benefit as a spectator sport, laying emphasis on the gladiatorial skills of players actually trying to win points, rather than the wall-to-wall, boring process that the modem game dictates.

Yours faithfully. TONY DAVIES, 10 Cherry Orchard Road. Lisvane,

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Formula One unsung hero

From Mr N. Armitage Last week (April 1) w had the inspiring news that Perry McCarthy had won a seat in the Andrea Moda Formula One motor racing team. McCarthy's story itself is worth a biography, never mind a newspaper article. He is a true British motor racing hero: he has not had a drive in this country for three years and has had to go to America to drive sports cars, which he

has done superbly. He has only carried out a couple of practice sessions in this country, but, when he has, he has thoroughly embarrassed better known, but less talented, drivers. Yet he is virtually unknown in his own country, and is about to have his house repossessed.

Having been awarded his much deserved super licence for Formula One, he promptly had it rescinded by the travelling Fisa bureaucrat in Brazil (report, April 4). Yet we still have to endure the pain of witnessing Giovanna Amati mindle around at walking pace, complete with super

There must be many ways of selecting drivers for For-mula One. My suggestions would be to test aspiring drivers in a strange car, on a strange circuit. and they would be required to get within, say, one second of an established Formula One driver's target time within. say, 25 laps. Yours faithfully. N. ARMITAGE.

Culver Barn. Longworth, Oxfordshire.

League dropouts From Mr A. C. Viney Sir, I expect I am a bit longer in the tooth than Mr Robin Stieber (Sports Letters, April 2), but I can recall Aberdare, who dropped out of the Football League in the 1920s, as well as Accrington Stanley and Aldershot.

Yours faithfully. A. C. VINEY. 1 Royle Close, Lawrence Road, Heath Park. Romford, Essex.

Test of time From Mr Maurice Holmes Sir, My daughter raised an interesting point during the Boat Race last Saturday.

She asked why, in view of things such as better boats and oars, more enlightened training methods, better facilities and food, older and Kidlington, Oxford.

Time to devalue penalty

From Father J. McAuliffe Sir, As a former player, and now a keen supporter, of rugby football, I must confess 1985, made possible by the my ongoing frustration at the utterly disproportionate influence that goalkicking contin-ues to assume in the game. So many key matches — many of them internationals — have been decided on penalties. which are often the result of mistakes or misinterpretation of the laws on the part of individual referees.

penalty goal — with all the elaborate preparations that seem to be necessary for the kick (the latest being the construction of a mound of sand) — should be worth one point less than a try, which has often been beautifully manufactured and executed. Penalties seem to be award-

I cannot understand why a

ed for very dubious reasons: over the top, accidental offside, tackles which some referees interpret as dangerous when they are merely smothering tackles, lifting and barging in the lineout - and Triple crowns and grand

slams have been won by teams who possessed goalkickers well out of the ordi-

Master of swing

From Mr John Green Sir. Nick Faldo and David Leadbetter might well profit from a close study of one of the greatest golf swings ever to grace the world's fairways. speak of the legendary Samuel Jackson Snead. I have had the pleasure of

watching most of the leading golfers of the last 60 years. and have played with many of them. Snead was over here for the Ryder Cup at Wentworth in 1953. In those days, it was easy to be near to the players and study their styles. Snead's swing was a joy to behold — simple, rhythmical and powerful. The fact that his professional career spanned four decades underlines the effectiveness and durability of his swing. In the end, putting problems mark-

ed the close of his career. Snead's advice was to "keep

MAURICE HOLMES. Cherwell Croft. 72 Church Street

over all these years.

bigger oarsmen, we have not

seen a huge decrease in the

time taken to complete the

Putney to Mortlake course

nary. As an Irishman, I goalkicking ability of George Norton, Ollie Campbell and Michael Kiernan.

Between 1949 and 1985 Ireland produced some excellent sides, which, however, largely because of the lack of a reliable goalkicker, won nei-ther triple crown nor grand slam. How sad that a genius like Mike Gibson played for some 16 seasons without a solitary significant success. Let us hope that the International Board meeting next week increases the differential between the penalty goal

and the try. I feel I am getting too old and, perhaps, too bored to worry any morel Still, I feel it beggars description that the powers that be in rugby football have not so far had the wisdom or common sense to see clearly the disproportionate influence that goalkicking has, over the years, assumed in the game. Yours faithfully. JAMES MCAULIFFE, Sacred Heart Presbytery, 1 Albert Road.

Bournemouth. Dorset.

your head still and hit it with your hands", which aspiring golfers would do well to follow. From observation. many golfers make the game much too complicated and become obsessed by the endless stream of conflicting advice offered by golf maga-

Almost all the "new" methods I see offered were well known 50 years ago. Only superior equipment, designed to make the game easier, is of much use to the average club player. Some of this is of very dubious value and can be very expensive. Yours faithfully. JOHN GREEN. 65 Wood Vale, Muswell Hill, N10.

Keep the lid on

From Mr Simon Weir Sir. Will the makers of the replacement FA Cup (report, later editions, April 6) restore the dignity of the trophy by making one with the lid fixed firmly on, so that we are spared the awful Wembley ritual of one of the winners cavorting around with the top as a hat? Yours faithfully.

SIMON WEIR. 35 Master Close. Oxted, Surrey.

RACING

Texan Clamour gives Moore first success

POLLING day 1992 will be and the duo came home fondly recalled by Glenn unchallenged. Moore as the day he rode his first winner.

It was a family occasion at Taunton as the 20-year-old launched his career on 15length winner Texan Clamour, trained by his cousin. Stan.

The jockey, from Dromore in Ireland, joined his cousin's operation near Andover last summer after working for trainer Jeremy Maxwell in Northern Ireland.

Moore sat admirably tight when Texan Clamour attempted to uproot the final flight in the Spring Condi-tional Jockeys' Selling Hurdle was sitting out the final day a whip offence suspension.

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NI CAME NOT NIT A GR

Ross-on-Wye trainer John Edwards needed the coin to drop his way after a luckless season and 3-1 favourite Red Rondo had all the good fortune going in the Husbands Handicap Chase.

Red Rondo. never jumping cleanly, was left in front when the two leaders. Bayram and Winabuck, came down two fences out, and he went on to beat Colonel O'Kelly by twoand-a-half lengths.

Graham McCourt came in for the winning ride as stable jockey Norman Williamson was sitting out the final day of

YESTEROAYS RESULTS

Hamilton Park Coing: good to soft (soft in places.)

2.15 (57 4yd) 1. PURCHASED BY
PHONE (Derren Mortell, 10-1); 2. Classic
Storm (G Carter, 7-4), 3. Shedow Jury (C
Derley, 10-11 lav) ALSO RAN (4
Babyusker (5th), 20 Take Your Partner
(4th) 50 All Balleys (6th), 5 ran 3), hd,
2%1, 51, hd D Molfall at Cartmet Tote
56.30; £1.80, £1.70. DF: £13.20. CSF286.31

285 31
2.45 (6f 5yd) 1, ABIGAILS BOY (J Festing, 12-1); 2, Double Feature (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 3, Palecegate King (G Carter, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 4 Spanish Express, 6 Denim Bue (6th), 8 Buddy (4th), 14 Summoned By Bells, 20 Indian Guest, 25 Shedsylou, High Principles (5th), 10 ran 361 21, 6t. nt. 31, J Scargh at Newmarket, 700: £13.10, £20, £20, £200, £200, £180 DF £21.40, CSF £38.03 Thousatt £231.12

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3.15 (1m 85yd) 1. MALIED (J Weaver, 5.1),
2. Rose Glan (A Tucker, 4-1); 3. Blue Grit
1. Chamock, 33-1) ALSO RAN 5-2 lav
Laurel Queen (4th), 5 Skipper 70 Bilge,
11-2 Solid (5th), 12 Motador (6th), 25 Fair
Dane 8 (en 16, 12, 12, 14), 34 in Nc Sleighan
in Newmerket Tote E7.30; E2.50, E2.20,
ES.30, DF, E13.60 CSF, E22.87, Tricatet
ES20.53 SS20 53
3.45 (Im 65yd) 1, ST JAMES'S ANTI-GUA (M Hills. 6-4, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Houlston's WW (T Luces. 5-4 fev); 3, Chipper (M Roberts. 5-1). ALSO RAN 20 Stoproveniate (Sin), 25 The Dandy Dan (4th), 33 Alianec Nomis, Soitor 100 Crimson Consort (8th), 8 ran. 3t, 2/s1, 2/s

4.15 (Im II 36yd) 1, PHILGUN (S Mal-oney, 100-30 tav); 2, Kadari (K Fallon, 7, 1), 3, Double The Stakes (G Carter, 10-1) ALSO RAN, 7-2 Roger Rebont (4fth, 11-2 Galley Gossp. 8 Millin, 12 Debsy Do (6in) 20 Victor Romeo, Barrolomeo (5fn), 25 Rap Up Fest 10 ran NR, Menbeddie 5, 1/s, 1/s, 1/1 6, W Etsey at Mattern Tote: 53 30; £1 10, £2 00, £6.50 DF £14 40 CSF- £24.24, Tricast: £188.89 4.45 (in 28 15yd) 1, LADY LYDIA (M Hills, 14-1); 2, Saif Al Adil (B Reymond, 5-1), 3, Five To Seven (A Fraud, 6-4 fav), ALSO RAN: 5-2 Rock Hard (4th), 7-2 Burmsteing (5th), 40 Eigin (6th) 6 ran. 2/41, nk. hd., 81, dist M Jerves at Newmarket, Tote, 220-20, £1 30, £4 00 DF: £30 50 CSF £72.86. 5.15 (Im 5: 6yd) 1, Silians Steller (N Cerlisle, 11-8 fav. Manderin's nap), 2, Hamilton Lady (33-1), 3 Sharp Top (9-2), 14 ran Mr. J Parasden NR. Ore For The Chief Tota £2.50, £1.10, £5.80, £1.80, DF £70.30 CSF-£42.53 Tricest £1.88 55.

4ecepot £255.10. Taunton

Going: good to soft 2.00 (2m 110yd hole) 1, TEXAN CLAM-OUR (P Moore, 19-1). 2, Chimayo (S Humphinas 77-2); 3, Betting Batting (M Foster, 64 fay), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ligging (I), 9 Catundra (4th), 20 Gypcy Trail (5th), Winter Hazel (pu), 33 Set Up (ur), 50 Bait

Of Gold (f), Latin M465 (pu), 10 ran 15f, 15i, 19i, 8i J Moore at Thructon Tole: \$10.40, \$2.20 £1 40, £1 10, DF: £11.50 CSF: £43.09 Bought in 2,800gns. CSF: F43.09 Bought in 2,800gns.
2.30 (3m ch) 1, RED RONDO (3
McCourt, 3-1 lav); 2, Cotonel O'Kelly (N
Hawte, 11-1), 3 Rare Bid (Lawrence, 15-1), 4, Fib (D Morrs, 33-1) ALSO RAN 5
Winebuck (f), 8 Sumbeam Fabot (pu), Cellic Diamond, 9 Bumbles Folly (pu), 10
Popeswood (pu), 12 Hurry Up Henry (5th), 14 Bayram (f) 20 Stylart-Mondes (fifth), 25
Double Triolst, 33 Ben Ledi (pu) 50
Bonanza Rebel (pu), 66 Golden Lantern
(pu) 15 ran 2/si, 1/si, 11 25i, 7t. J
Edwerds at Ross-On-Wyer Tote F4.30;
E1 70, 52.00, CS 00, ES 70 DF, C30.20.
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3.30 (2m 110rd ch) 1 LITTLE TOM (J. Kavanagh, 13-2). 2, Touching Star (B. Chilord, 9-4 fav). 3, St. Athans Lad (D. Moms 14-1). ALSO RAN 11-2 Bush Hill (pu), 13-2 Broughten Manor (6m) 11 Damond Run (4h) Henley Wood (1), 12 Owen (f), 14 Chesapaeke Bay (f), 4talloun (5th), Lyph (f), 20 Carpe Diem (bd), 40 Bengariin Lancaster (f), 14 ran MR City Index, 291, 151, 181, 293, 153. J King at Swindon, Tote, 69 20, 62 40, 61 80, 62 90 DE 180 (CSF E22 14, Tricast 6156 94, 4 00 (3m 3) ch) 1 RAIL VEDEN MARKET 4 00 (3m 3f ch) 1. BALLYEDEN (Mr P Scholfield, 5-4 fev); 2. Imby Condor (Mr R Addinson, 11-4), 3. Roving Seal (Mr T McCarthy, 7 1), 4LSO RAN, 13-2 Cueenswey Boy (4m), 25 Fowling Piece (7), 33 Eagle Trace (6th) Elliertradem (ur), Mickley Treasure (pu) 66 Royal Voyager (5th), 9 ran, 294, 61, 51 21, 11, Mrs S Messer-Beamelts at Wadebordge, Tote E2.30; £1.40, £1.30 DF, £3.60 CSF; £4.65

4.30 (2m 110vd hdie) 1 MRS JAWLEY. FORD (Mr M Ranger, 10-11 fav) 2. Hawthorne Glen (J Osborne, 7-1), 3. RAN: 12 Rutha Pride (5th) 14 Northern Binde, 16 On Alert (4th) 33 Kingstey (pu), Red Nest (6th), 10 ran 151, 51, 11, hd, 12 C Santin at Wellington Tate £1 90: 25.99

26.99
5.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. NOBLE YEO-MAN (D Meredith, 6.4 fav. Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Street Kid (G McCourt, 15-8), 3. Line Lad (I Shoemark, 16-1) ALSO RAN-6 Ptolemy 9. Mine's An Ace (6tn), 12 Middlewick (pu), 33 Handy Dove (4th), 100 Alto George (5th), 200 Gledys Emmerusi, Lime Ella (pu), 10 ran Sl. 31, 31, 21, 8. R Dockm at Newent, Tote: \$2.80, £1 30, £1 30, £2 50. DF, £3 00, CSF 24, 55.

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MY'S RESL.

Guineas claim in Newbury trial

Musicale to stake

unbeaten record and advertise her 1.000 Guineas chance by beating Culture Vulture in the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury this afternoon.

With the corresponding race having been won by the subsequent 1.000 Guineas winner for the past two seasons - Salsabil and Shadayid - maximum attention will be

focussed on today's trial. Musicale was rated 31b better than Culture Vulture in the Free Handicap and, following encouraging reports from Newmarker, the Henry Cecil-trained filly is now napped to confirm that assessment

Although the two in question never met last year, the handicapper had an interesting form line through Mystery Play to consider before reaching his conclusion.

When she won the Rockfel Stakes over seven furlongs at Newmarket in October, Musicale gave Mystery Play 31b and beat her more easily than the official verdict of one-anda-half lengths suggests. Before that Mystery Play

had finished two lengths be-hind Culture Vulture when they contested Ascot's Brent Walker Mile at level weights. Culture Vulture then went on to win the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc day at the expense of

running. Culture Vulture ended her two-year-old career by finishing only ninth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile where she

JOHN Upson has decided

against running Over The

Road, who finished eighth to

Party Politics last Saturday, in tomorrow's William Hill

be fair to run him," said the trainer. "He had a hard race

and hasn't had time to get

Over The Road was a 12-1

A THIRSE

2.20 Breakfast Boogie. 2.50 Plan Ahead. 3.20 Sharpalto. 3.50 Swellegant. 4.20 Viardot. 4.50

2.20 Preston Gulid. 2.50 Too Eager. 3.20 Sharpaito. 3.50 Swellegant. 4.20 Viardot. 4.50 Olette. Richard Evans: 4.20 Viardot, 4.50 OLETTE (nap). GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES) SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(2-Y-Q: £2,629: 5f) (10 runners)

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7 206- ANGEL TRAIN 252 (F,G) J Parkes 49-7
8 20-0 LOMBARD SKIPS 42 (F,S) M O'Neil 5-97 J Fortune 1
9 000- PENANDO 48J O O'Neil 4-97 ________ A Clark 2
10 0-00 YONGE TENDER 44 (B,CD,F,G) J Wherlan 5-97
J Fanning (8) 3

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14 00-0 BETWEEN TWO FIRES 15 (D.F) J Burry 3-8-6
15 60-1 EMERALD EARS 16 (D.G) E Waymes 3-8-6 G Hind 6
16 220- PLAN AHEAD 180 G Lewis 3-8-1 F Riorion (3) 11

4-1 Pop To Stans, 5-1 Helewe, 6-1 Emerate Ears, MCA Below The Line 8-1 Dawn's Delight, 10-1 Thornton Gate, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Scott, 6 winners from 13 runners, 46.2%, G Wragg, 4 trem 9, 44 4%, W Hagges 5 from 12, 41 7%, J Wharton, 5 from 21, 23 8% F Lee, 6 from 34, 17 6%, M Stoule, 4 from 26, 15 4%

JOCKEYS R Hulls 9 winners from 35 rides 25.7%, G Carter 10 from 40, 25.0%, A McGrore, 3 from 13, 23.1%; W Newnes, 8 from 35.22.9%, M Birch, 28 from 168, 16.7%; 4 Currane 11 from 86, 12.8%

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THUNDERER

"We've decided it wouldn't

Scottish National at Ayr.

Hatoof, who was unlucky in

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

missed the break and was hampered. Earlier, she made a winning debut on today's track before splitting Marwell and another of today's runners Central City in that driving finish for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. Central City was not seen out

John Dunlop, the trainer of Salsabil and Shadayid, now relies upon Oumaldaaya. who is probably better than her bare form suggests since she started favourite every time she ran last year while only winning once.

Like Rose Indien and Wiedniu, the only other runners, she will either need to



Cecil: has Musicale in

Over The Road to miss Ayr

By MICHAEL SERLY

with Hills vesterday were Riv-

erside Boy, who is now 10-1

(from 12-1), Dalkey Sound

14-1 (from 16-1), and Merry

Other news on Scotland's

richest jumping race is that

Tom Troubador, withdrawn

when ante-post favourite for the Ritz Club National Hunt

Handicap Chase at Chelten-

ham, was yesterday en route

The improving nine-year-

Master 16-1 (from 20-1).

ing the winter if she is to trouble the principals or they will have to have deteriorated My information is that they have not.

There was a time when Cecil used to farm the Spring Maiden Stakes. He did not have a runner 12 months ago but Tanis Rouge has been going well enough on the heath recently to suggest that he can give Steve Cauthen a winning ride this time, probably at the expense of Greek

Cauthen also has a good chance of winning the Thatcham Handicap on Sat-in Lover, who did nothing but improve last year after joining Reg Akehurst's suc-cessful Epsom stable.

Tycoon.

Macfarlane, who relishes give underfoot, is a more tentative selection to win the Newbury Trade Stands Han-

At Ayr, Granville Again is entitled to the benefit of the doubt for the Scottish Champion Hurdle since he still held every chance of winning the big one at Cheltenham when he misjudged the second last hurdle and fell. Prior to that he was unbeaten in four races this season.

Provided that his confidence has not been affected by that tumble, Granville Again should have too much finishing speed for Fidway, who eventually finished fourth at Cheitenham.

Earlier in the programme, Way Of Life (2.30) and King's Carate (3.00) can provide Stan Mellor and Simon

handicaps at Newbury in

February, is expected to prove

effective over tomorrow's ex-

joint and had to miss the Ritz," Josh Gifford, his train-er, said yesterday. "We thought he was out for the

season but he's gone the right

way and touch wood he'll give

Blinkered first time

"He wrapped himself on a

tended four miles.

us a good run."

3.20 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP (\$2,941: 77)

3 80-0 JUST A STEP 21 (D,F,&) M McComeck 6-7

13 12-4 ABSO 21 (D.F.G) R Hannon 48-6 Te Hills 5-14 88-0 CASHTAL DAZZLER 13 (C.D.F.S) N Tiniber 58-8 Skm Treder 18 150- HAMADRYAD 183 (D.F.) W Carter 48-6 G Carter 4-16 1305 ORIENT AIR 16 (B.D.) SF.P.) T Barron 48-4 Alex Greene 12

4-1 Super Benz, 8-1 Toshiba Cosset, 7-1 Abeo, 8-1 Cronk's Courage, Sharpako, 9-1 Duckington, 10-1 others.

3.50 HAMBLETON GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O. 52,774: 51) (5)

2-1 Swellegant, 9-4 Threepance, 11-4 My Soveraign, 8-1 Black Coral, Hot Lavender.

8 009- MY JERSEY PEARL 153 (G) & locan 8-11 Kim Tinider 15

10 09-6 BOULABAS 22 (6) M O Neill 8-11 ... J Lowe 19 11 854 ABELON1 195 A Scott 8-10 ... J Lowe 19 12 55-5 STORMSWEPT 13 (5) P Chappin-Hyam 3-9 B Thomas 27 55-5 STORMSWEPT 13 (5) P Chappin-Hyam 3-9 B Thomas (7) 11 25-0 LOWLANDS BOY 185 (0,5) T Fairburst 8-7 J Foreston (7) 11 25-0 DAARIS 13 D Mortey 8-7 ... K Darley 9-15 05-0 HOB GREEN 15 Mr J Ramadon 8-2 ... A Marchay 7-16 400 ESSAYEFFSEE 154 (8) Mr H Eastedy 8-1 S Matton (5) 12 S Matton (5) 13 S Matton (5) 12 S Matton (6) 12 S Matton (6)

4.20 SOWERBY STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,560: 1m 4f) (4)

4.50 OAKSTRIPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,155: 7f) (18)

Hatoof has difficult task against Kenbu

BY MICHAEL SEELY

HATOOF, currently Ladbrokes' 6-1 joint-favourite with Musicale for the 1,000 Guineas, faces a stiff test on her seasonal reappearance against the Francois Boutintrained Kenbu in the Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte this afternoon.

An unlucky loser of last autumn's Prix Marcel Boussac, Maktoum Al-Maktoum's filly is being prepared for an attempt to credit her owner with his second and Criquette Head, the trainer, with her third triumph in the first of the fillies'

Issuing a warning about the possibility of defeat over seven furlongs, the trainer said: "Hatoof has been moving very well, but the trip could be on the short side.

MANDARIN

10 Beaver Brook.

4.10 Big Leap. 4.40 Satin Lover.

4,10 Big Leap.

2.40 Tapis Rouge. 3.10 MUSICALE (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

(2-Y-O: £3,980: 5f 34yd) (14 runners)

BEAVER BROOK (feeled Apr 19, cost 20,000gms) half-brother by Beirn to 6t/71 justicille witner X My Heart and 5t/6t jusyinite valence Level Xing BIRD HILINTER 158 8th of 9 to Mooclesture in Brighton (5t 56yd, good to soft) stakes race.

CONSPICUOUS (Mar 14, ir70,000gms) hell-brother by Azzu to Marty's Swerty, a multiple witner in the United States. COPPOT TEL (Apr 7, ir14,500gms)

2.40 SPRING MAJDEN STAKES

She has not changed much as she was a very mature twoyear-old. I fear Kenbu, as she Newmarket.

RICHARD EVANS

2.40 Greek Tycora

is very fast over this distance." Kenbu, twice a winner carlier last season, then chased home her stable companion. the brilliant Arazi, in the Prix Morny before finishing behind Hatoof in the Marcel Boussac

However, Boutin sounded in optimistic mood when he commented: This is a filly who feels the cold and she still hasn't got her summer coat. But although she won't be in peak condition, she is really well and I expect her to find her best 1991 form."

Only one of the colts in the other trial, the Prix Djebel, holds the 2,000 Guineas engagement. Cardoun. Elie Lellouche's winner of the Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte over course and dis-

ATEMEDRY CO.

2.10 Sabre Rattler.

240 Tapis Rouge.

4.10 Sharp Prince. 4.40 Shoofe.

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST STRAIGHT COURSE

2.10 EBF BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Tapis Rouge 3.10 MUSICALE (nap).

): S(34yd) (14 runners)

ARSELLMAN (Anselle of Westions) M Heyese 90.

ARADANZA (Airs P Lewis) M Charnon 90.

BEAVER BROOK (A Budge (Equans) Lid) R Hermon 90.

BERD HUNTER 8 (7 Nesib) N Calleghan \$6.

CONSPICUOUS (F Satman) P Cole 90.

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CRUSADE (Kannet Vhilloy Thoroughbreds Lid) R Hermon 90.

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IGNTWYN (Max F Secon) D Lang 90.

MICHTWYN (Max F Secon) D Lang 90.

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SABRE RATTILER 8 (89) (11 Hughan) J Barry 90.

SHADES OF CROFT (M Unbor) M Unber 90.

WICKINS (Max N Lowle) G Lewis 80.

SHAPLY SOOTY (Max S Join) B Millman 80.

Conspicadus, 7-2 Sebre Rattler, 7-1 Bestver Breck, 10-1 Coppot Tel, 14.

1981: FAIR CRACK 90 8 Paymond (16-2) IT Henrion ? ran

FORM FOCUS

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AMBRIGUOUSLY RESAL by Vaguely Noble out of a dam who won over 1m 4f in France. GREEK TY-COON, half-brother to enert French middle distance where Eddi, 14h 2nd of 18 to Coloritic in reakier here (7t, good to firm). SECRET PICNIC by Screets and as a half-brother to 2 winners in the United States. SILVERNESSAN 13½1 6th of 15 to Aparteer in stakes race here (7tn, good) with LAND-BD GENTRY 51h 10th. TAPIS ROUGE an kinn-brother to 3 winners. POINCIANA 91 4th of 11 to 2anht in Sandown (7t, good to firm).

SCHARIE 85 5th of 5 to Rodrigo De Triano in listed

1981; SHADAYID 9-0 W Carson (6-11 tav) J Duniop ? ren

FORM FOCUS

CENTRAL CITY best Sylven Sebre 11/8 in 5-runner Selisbury (51, good) stales rice on perulimite start CULTURE VILTURE best Histori shind in 14-runner group I Prix Mercel Bousses at Longorismo (14-to Naring in group is Ouese Melay st Royal (71, good) (71, good) (71, good) (71, good) (72, good) (73, good) (73, good) (74-to Naring in group is Ouese Melay st Royal (74, good) (75, good) (76, good) (76, good) (77, good) (77, good) (78, good) (78, good) (78, good) (79, good) (

COURSE SPECIALISTS

BETTING: 13-6 Greek Tycoon, 11-2 Tepla Rouge, 6-1 Pyers Square, 8-1 Silverna Landed Gentry, 14-1 Ambiguously Regal, Whitchell, 16-1 others. 1981: NORTHWIND 8-9 Pat Eddary (6-1) 8 Hills 17 ratt

3.10 GAINSBOROUGH STUD FRED DARLING STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £18,353: 7f 64yd, rnd) (6 runners)

1 Conspicuous, 7-2 Sabro Rettler, 7-1 Basver Brook, 10-1 Coppot Tel. 14-1 Midwinger Dream, 16-1 Crossole, 20-1 Kinterya, Wickins, 25-1 others.

half-brother by Jerant to 1m 3f claiming winner Smoke Scause. CRUSEADE (Mer 14, 17).200gray (was brother by Digement to 5f jervenible womer Graceland Lady, MIDWINTER DREAM (Mar 29) half-prother by Midyan to 71 winner Plettism Disc. SABER RAY-TLER 15f 2nd of 8 to Key To My Heart in Hemilton

BBC2

Pant Eddeny — Y Culno © 98 — L Destori — M Roberts — Pat Rideny 85 — J Ratel 98 — Reymond — W Carrent — S Cauthers — D Holland —

3.10 Musicale. 3.40 Stack Rock.

tance in November, must win in style if he is to be sent to

The fillies' trials followhard on the heels of each other and at Newmarket on Tuesday, Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn

Henry Cecil expects to be represented by both Mid-night Air and Skimble. Midnight Air, the disqualified winner of last autumn's Brent Walker Mile, is reported to be working well, although her trainer thinks that a mile may be a little short for her this

Skimble, winner of her only

start at Newmarket in October, has come to hand early and is expected to give a bold Michael Stoute intends

running Perfect Circle, an impressive winner at Kempton before disappointing in same afternoon is Dilum for the Marcel Boussac. "She will run really well but I'm not yet the five-furlong Abernant Stakes, for which his trainer. convinced that she's a Guineas filly," said the trainer, Paul Cole, has also declared about the daughter of Fair Lee Artiste. Satinia, who finished second in the 1,000 Guineas of 1978

prior to her winning the

Oaks. "On her breeding, she

might be better with a little

further to travel," Stoute

Another Boussac failure.

Red Slippers, previously an

easy winner at Ascot, is also

on target for Tuesday's race.

"Although she hasn't grown a

lot, she's thickened out," said

Luca Cumani. "She's not

of Midnight Air."
Other useful fillies engaged

are Cambrian Hills. Maha-

sin. Soiree and the Jim

Bolger-trained Miznah.

"We're still going to see how Magic Ring gets on in the Greenham on Saturday before we decide what to do with Dilum," said the trainer yesterday. "And whether Lee Artiste runs depends on how she works on Saturday morning.

Big-race acceptors

SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN STAKES (Group W 3 Y-O titles £20,223 7f) A To-2 (M Bell), Cambrian Hills (P Chapple Hyam) Central City (R Hannon) Harvest Girl (G Pritchard Goldon), Herora (N Graham) Mahasin (J Dunlop), Midnight Air (H Cec.) Miss Bitzebrid (P Kelleway), Miznah (J Bolger), Perfect Circle (M Stoute), Red Sinders (L Cuman), Skimble (H quite fully wound up and will find it tough against the likes Slippers (L. Cumani), Skimble (H. Cecil), Soiree (B. Hills), Waterlowl Creek (G. Wragg)

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.SF.F.Q.S) (Mrs. D.Roberson) B Hall 9-10-0

Research number Draw in brackets, Six-Injure form (F - fail, P - pulled up U - unseated rider, 6 - brought down S - sisped up, R - refused D - disqualified). Horse's name Days since last enting, J if lumps, F if fiel (8 - binkers, V - visor, H - hood E - Eyestheld C - course under D - distance wanter, CD - course und	distance winner BF - beat latest races Going on which IF - firm, good to lirm, hi S - soft, good to soft, her	horse has won and G — good svy) Owner in weight Rider
3.40 NEWBURY TRADE STANDS HA (£5,020: 5f 34yd) (12 runners)	NDICAP	BBC2
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12	ര	130206-	CHOIR PRACTICE 265 (D.F.G) (T Cheshire) W Haggar 5-9-7	L Piggott	90
3	(5)	65411-4	STACK ROCK 20 (F,G) (Casile Racing) E Alsion 5-9-5	K Famon	91
04	(4)	202300-	PRENONAMOSS 174 (D.F) (Mrs. W. Oram) D. Arbultino) 4 9-5	TOURN	93
05		952005-	LOVE LEGEND 153 (D.F.G) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnet 7-9-3	Y MILLAD	_
06	(11)	54/0000-	TOUCH OF WHITE 228 (D,F,G) (L Elimas) J Banks 6-9.2	L Newton (5)	_
IJΤ	(6)	212226-	TINO TERE 181 (D.F.G.) (B Durkin) J Berry 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	90
38	(9)	30001D-	AUGHFAD 164 (CD.F.G.S) (M Mac Corthy) T Casey &B 13	J Reid	95
89	(12)		MIAMI BANKER 21 (B.CD.G.S) (J Amace) W Must 6-8-10	M Roberts	99
10	(4)	400254-	MACFARLANE 164 (D.G.S) IP F-Godley) M Felherston-Godley 4-8	6 W Carson	95
11	(2)	400050-	SO RHYTHMICAL 164 (D.F.G.S) (Mass C Barrow) G Eden 8-8-3	N Carilale	93
12	(1)	000101	MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 13 (D.G.S) (M Michaels) M Channon 4.7-	B B Doyle (5)	95
Π	ING:		k Rock, 6-1 Tine Tere, 15-2 Chair Practice, 8-1 Macteriane, 10-1		Lava
ef	nd, Sc	Rhythmic	al, 12-1 Bold Lez, 14-1 Aughted, Mierry Banker, 16-1 Misdemeanout	Gut, 33-1 Tou	ch Of
rte					

1991: BOLD LEZ 4-9-8 8 Raymond (12-1) M Haynes 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

LD LEZ %4 3rd of 23 to Gift Throne in Accol [8], of) handcap with MACFARLANE 12 17m, GHPAD 21st and MIAM! BANGER 23nd. OUR PRACTICE 28 8th of 11 to Terthare in hand- in over course and distance (good to him) with GHFAD (\$10 better off) 4 vs 9th, STACK ROCH, 4th of 8 in Evide Ever in Denester (8) recent	Close in Doncaster (5), good to selt) in TINO TERE 544 8th of 11 to Mage Ring in Commelte States at Ascol (5). MACFARLANE SI 4th of 14 to Terrisis in 8 (6) good) handically with AUGHFAD (10). MIAMI BANKER EI 4th MISDEMEANGUE bat). Pres Serrent 1 to Bestler (1) 1
4th of 9 to Fylde Flyer in Dencaster (6), good) ed race. LOVE LEGEND 2 5th of 20 to Spanlards	beat Drum Sergeant 11 at Beverley (51, g Swection: OOLD LEZ

4.10 STROUD GREEN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,175: 1m, str) (18 runners)



FORM FOCUS

SHARP PRINCE best Spanish Miner 1½ in 20runner Chapatow (7), good to soft) maden with
KHAZAR (17th better of) 5½ 7th JAIRZINHO 1½
202nd of 18 to Japa in group it Permio Guido Beraudalia
at Capambelle (1m 2), heavy).

AMAZE 81 at of 18 to Snow Forest in Lingüeld (7),
good to firm) maiden 816 LEAP bost EASTLEIGH

4.40 THATCHAM HANDICAP (£3,980: 2m) (19 runners)



FORM FOCUS

ARMY OF STARS bent Gull Palaco 71 at Warwick
(1m 7l, soil) with SHOOFE (8th better off) 8l 4th
SEEBOB hd 2nd of 9 to figure in Doncaster (1m 6i
132yd, good to fem) on penultimale start
SATIN LOVER %1 2nd of 18 to Royal Standard in
Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) handicap with
GO SOUTH (9th better off) 24t 4th, SUBSONIC
(3lb better off) 13l 7th, MOVING OUT 17th MOV-
ING OUT best Bridge Player 4 in 14-runner
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etrele 1½ in 8-tunner Ponleiract (2m 21, irm) handi-cap on penultimate start FARSI 91 8th of 18 to Coleridge in Doncaster (2m 21, good) handicap with HONEY DANCER 18 12th, PATROCLUS 71 14th and PRINCE SOBUR 21 15th. GO SOUTH beat Batdolph 2½ in 22-tunner Newmarket (2m 21, good to irm) handicap with FARSI 163 3rd, HONEY DANCER 23 13th, BRANDON PRINCE 11 15th, Detow-form HATHAM 21 17th Selection. GO SOUTH

WR THUNDERER MANDARIN 2.00 Petosku. 2.30 Killula King. 3.00 King's Curate. 3.30 FIDWAY (nap). 2.00 Beachy Head. 2.30 Way Of Life. 3.00 King's Curate. 3.30 Granville Again. 4.00 Manhattan Chase. 4.00 Pamber Priory. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 WAY OF LIFE SIS

GOING: GOOD (WITH GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES) 2 00 MY ESTRONE HOTEL AVOIDETHING CHAMBIONS NOVICES HIRDLE

		4f) (9 runners)	•
- 1	221411	CELTIC BREEZE 18 (V.C.O.S) (H Genhing) M Naughton 9-11-6	92
2		BASSO PROFUNDO 27 (Mrs L. Jincey) W Reed 5-11-2 TReed	54
3		GRAAL LEGEND 93 (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 7-11-2 C Grant	_
- 4		LOVING OMEN 18 (Mrs P Buchersen) Miss Z Green 5-11-2	
5	302120	PETOSKU 13 (S) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-2 C Liberally III	
6		BEACHY HEAD 34 (C.G.S) (G Read) C Thomson 4-10-13 D Williamson	9 99
7		CHARMING GALE (J Bradburne) New S Bradburne 5-10-11 Mr. J Bradburne	
8	05-800	MISS EMO 221 (Mrs S Bradburre) Mrs S Bradburre \$ 10-11 P Williams (7)	
		TAUVALERA 29 (Mrs 44 Swindleturst) D Swindlehurst 5-10-11 Mr D Swindlehurst	_

BETTENG: 4-5 Beachy Head, 7-2 Passilus, 9-2 Celtic Bretze, 10-1 Basso Prolundo, 12-1 Loving Orien, 16-1 others 2.30 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TROPHY

(Novices handicap chase: \$2,765: 2m) (6 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Regent Cross, 11-4 Killula King, 9-2 Way Of Lule, 11-2 Wayside Boy, 10-1 Kilmond Wood, 14-1 Iron Prates. 1991: ARCTIC TEAL 7-11-10 M Richards (9-2) O Sherwood 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS TRAINERS S Mellor G Moore G Richards Mrs S Bradburne W A Shipparesson M Tinkler

3.00 FRIENDLY HOTELS PLC STATION HOTEL AYR NOVICES CHASE

1		GREY MINSTREL 16 (C.G.S) (J. Madeley) Denys Smith 8-11-10 P Waggott (7)	80
2	11 PB0F	MISTER TICKLE 27 (D.F.G.S) (C McDonagh) N Tenston-Davics 7-11-10 C Liewellyn	91
3	111140	RAGOREY 46 (D.F.G) (T M McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 7-11-10 C Grant	90
4	P240U1	GENERAL HARMONY 13 (B.D.G) IG Jernings) Mass G Jernings 9-11-8 Mr S Lyons (7)	80
5		KING'S CURATE 76 (CO.S) (C Bis) 3 Melo 8-11-8	99
6		INTARSIA 44 (J Hindrich) K Oliver 8-11-5	22
7	8-35504	REGAL ESTATE 28 (S) (G Denney) D Mothet: 8-11-5	84
BET	TING: 46 pa 25-1 R	King's Curare, 7-2 Grey Minstrel, 6-1 Ragorey, 7-1 Mister Tickle, 12-1 General Harmony, legal Estate	16-1
		1991: ESHA NESS 8-11-10 M Pitman (7-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran	
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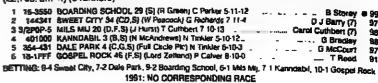
3.30 SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE (Grade II: £7,644: 2m) (6 runners) 444114 FIDWAY 31 (D.F.G.S) (A Coley) T Thomson Jones 7-11-10 1-1111F GRANVILLE AGAIN 31 (D.F.G.S) (E Scarth) M Pros 6-11-10

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	1991* PRECIOUS BOY 5-11-2 L Wyer (\$-2) M O'Neili 5 ran		
BETT	fiNG: 11-10 Granville Agam, 6-4 Fichway 6-1 Jinxy Jack, 10-1 Winnie The Witch Iglord.	. 25-1 Crasshal,	33-1
6	1-02200 WINNE THE WITCH 31 (D.F.G.S) (Paddict-s Ltd) K Bridgester B-10-11	D Bridgwater	13
5	231125 CROSSHOT 8 (CD.F.G.S) (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-11-2	K Jones	67
4	25562F MARLINGFORD 34 (D,G,S) (J Law) May J Jordan 5:11-6.	D Morris	58
3	1-13111 JINXY JACK 21F (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 8-11-6	G McCourt	94
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4.00 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (E3,532: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)			
1 1/PF603 IN THE FASHION 7 (D.F.G) (Mrs V Ogoen) R Tato 10-11-10 A Orkney			
2 25U054 KIRSTY'S BOY 23 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs K.McClelland) Miss L. Perrati 9-11-10 L. O'Hara			
3 1FP1F1 PAMBER PRIORY 22 (D.G.S) (D Makins) T Thomson Johns 9-11-8 D Murphy D Murphy			
4 F11354 HE WHO DARES WINS 45 (D.F.G) (I Choestrough) W A Stephenson 9-11-2 C Grant			
5 12P-P1P MANHATTAN CHASE 22 (CD.5) (P Minchalf) G Richards 9-11 1 G McCourt			
6 34FU32 RUPERT STANLEY 24 (R Wison) D Clyde 8-10-6			
7 ZP13P5 BLACK SPUR 18 (C,D.F,G,S) (J Gabson) J Charlton 10-10-6 . 8 Storey			
8 243P42 MAJIC RAIN 20 (D.G.) (North East Recing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 7 (0-0 D.) Motfatt (7)			
Long handicap: Mayo Ram 9-5			

BETTING: 9-4 Pamber Prory, 4-1 in The Firehion, 5-1 Manhattan Chose, 8-1 He Who Dares Wine, Majic Ran, 10-1 Knoty 5 Boy, 14-1 Black Spur, 25-1 Rupert Stanley 1991: BIRLING JACK 10-11 5 G McCourt (7-2) J Edwards B ran

4.30 AYRSHIRE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,705; 2m 4f) (6 runners)



Alner clear after treble

Scholfield in the riding championship with a treble at the Axe Vale point-to-point on Wednesday (Brian Beel After winning the open on

leader fell.

AXE VALE (Stattert Cross) Hund: 1.
Crowd Point (D Satter, 16-1), 2. Elect
Partie, 3, Brickyard 7 ran Comfined: 1.
Friendly Lady (N Bush, 4-6 tay), 2. Felinati:
3, Jay Etle Three 10 ran Opek: 1.
Guinner & Flight (B Alner, 1-4 tay); 2.
Connemiae Dawn, 3, Seal Prince, 4 ran,
Ladles: 1. Country Damael Mrs. J. Liston,
1-2 tay), 2. Puppet Show; 3, Mistreak, 7
ran, Intermediate: 1, Ocaan Link (R Alner,
5-2), 2. Enchanting Reser: 3, Par Steel, 6
ran Rest & 1. Captain Dimitris (J.
Farthing, 4-1); 2. Ning Gurner, 3, Contic.
Line 13 ran Rest II. 1, Winner Lomatic (B
Alner, 25 fay); 2. Strumpetos, 3, Double
Hanghal. 10 ran.



Gunner's Flight and the in-termediate on Ocean Link, luck was with him in the second division of the restricted on Winnie Lorraine. The favourite was 20 lengths be-

Luck turns full swing for Cooper and coach

FROM MEL WEBB IN JERSEY

WHO needs Augusta when you can be in Jersey in the springtime? The sun was warm on everybody's backs at La Moye yesterday, and it did nobody more good than Derrick Cooper, who responded by producing his best round for many a long day. The heavyweight from

Warrington, one of the bon viveurs of the European Tour who believes in keeping the cup of life well topped up, attributed his round of 66, six under par, to three things - a return to school, a small triumph claimed in the company of a friend, and a severe blow in the wallet the day before the tournament

Cooper has not had the best of starts to the season; his best finish in five Tour events this year is a tie for 27th, which does not keep such as Cooper in the style to which he would like he and his family to become accustomed.

There was no answer but to put himself back under the magisterial eye of Bob Torrance, his coach, whose only burden in life seems to be that he is occasionally described by those who should know

better as a guru.

One hesitates to use the word, conjuring up as it does a picture of a geriatric Indian gent dressed in a sheet and surrounded by 1960s pop stars. Torrance is neither geriatric nor Indian, and has never been seen in public clad in the bed linen; but he is certainly a gentleman, and a scholar, too, in his uncanny ability to unlock the mystical secrets of an ailing golf swing.

Cooper has spent two prolonged sessions with Torrance, and was told by he who shall be obeyed that the key lay, simply, in reducing an overlong backswing. Thus encouraged, he emerged a more

optimistic man, and immediately joined his pal Richard Boxall in winning the Sunningdale Foursomes, that much-loved hybrid that brings together the best in British golf, amateur and professional, male and female, and any combination of the four

"I feel much more comfortable with my swing now." he said. "I feel as though I'm beginning to get it right."
And this after a round which contained eight birdies, with only a couple of bogeys to bring his mind back on the job at hand. He went into the tourna-

ment with the memory of a tanning to the tune of £300 he and Boxall had received the previous day at the hands of their fellow-professional, Ross McFarlane, and Martin Devetta, a three-handicap mem-ber of Sunningdale. Some-thing had to be done to put the Cooper balance-sheet He had the best of all pos-

15-foot putt for a birdie at the 1st, and got another at the long 2nd. He dropped shots at the 4th and 5th but got them back at the 6th and 8th. Coming home was a breeze, with four birdies, in-cluding a 20-foot putt at the 13th and a 15-footer at the last. Getting it right? Heaven when he finally cracks it.

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□ Dalwacho, □ Daiwacho, Japan: Yoshikazu Yokoshima produced a course record-equalling eight-under-par 63, including two eagles, yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the a men's open. The winner of 11 tournaments, Yokoshima, aged 40, also had four birdles as he tied the course record set by Masahiro Kuramoto of Japan in 1988. (AFP)

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL



Eastbourne upset balance of power

BY A CORRESPONDENT

EASTBOURNE, a marginal on which the politicians were keeping a wary eye late last night, produced the first big upset yesterday afternoon, with their cliff-hanging 3-2 victory over the holders and hot favourites, Shrewsbury, in the Halford Hewitt Cup. Royal St George's at Sand- twice, and they started their Hillidnep and Mawdsley, but

wich, and Royal Cinque Ports at nearby Deal. A mammoth total of 640

old boys, in teams of ten, from 64 public schools throughout Britain are competing in one of the most prestigious events on the amateur calendar, instigated at Deal 68 years ago. Over the past 12 years, Shrewsbury have been final-

Eastbourne opened with wins in their first two match-

es, but lost their final two out in the country. That meant their third pairing, of Robert Meaby and Christopher Walker, was last to finish. The

defence of the title with 36

points, on top of the table,

compared to Eastbourne's

lost the 17th and at the 18th both teams missed 12-foot putts to haive in bogey-fives and give Eastbourne the decisive third point.

Michael Reece, the Rossall captain, marked his 35th consecutive appearance and more than 120 matches in the cup with a win for himself and his team over Dulwich.

HOCKEY

Sutton Coldfield will be banking on reserves

ON PAPER, the AEWHA Cup semi-finals at Milton Keynes today seem rather lopsided (Alix Ramsay writes). In one match Slough, three times Typhoo League champions take on rank outsiders in Blueharts, while the other game, between Hightown and Sutton Coldfield promises to be a much closer

Sutton Coldfield will be without their Great Britain trio of Jane Sixsmith, Lisa Bayliss and Mandy Pickles, who are in the United States on a pre-Olympic tour, but feel they have the strength in depth to carry them through. Their confidence is high, as befits the defending champions, who will be competing in the European Cup Winners'

Cup next week. Hightown have had injury problems because of the strains of the county champlonships and England's training matches in Spain last weekend. Tina Cullen and Carolyn Reid have recovered after their trip to Terrassa and only Chris Cook remains doubtful after a knee oper-

ation. Last time the two sides met in the league, Hightown came out on top by 2-0. The Liverpool side believes that if it can hit the same vein of form and confidence again, it will book its place in the final

Caught up in a magical and revealing world

By Brian Clarke

With a single switch of his rod, he drove an entire, 30-yard fly-line to its full extent. out on to the grass in front of him. The spectators to either side gasped. With a single back-cast, he then lifted all of the line in front of him out in a straight line on to the grass

behind. Another gasp.
He rolled the line to the left and he rolled the line to the right. He executed steeple casts, Z-casts and trick casts of a dozen kinds. Gasp followed gasp followed gasp. Finally, Lefty removed the butt-piece of his rod completely and proceeded to repeat the entire performance using the top half alone. Stunged vilence.
"OK," he said after this mesmerising display. "Any-

one got any questions?" A pause. Then a man in the crowd stepped forward. "Tell us," he said in a coaxing stage whisper, "where did

you get the magic rod?"
The story preserves a great
piece of humour, and yet it conveys a truth that will be recognised by anyone who writes about fishing or teaches it, or is perceived in any way at all to be successful at it. By far the most common question that comes through the mail or is asked on the bankside is the one that seeks the short cut; that tries to winkle out some imagined piece of magic; that asks the

There are few How a simple home-made fly-fishing but there is one. It aquarium can is a short cut take the secret that will save years of mere hopeful pres-ence at the out of successful fly-fishing

will teach a great deal about files and the ways they might be fished; and that will provide anyone with a seri-ous interest in improving his or her fishing with many hours of added fascination

without even leaving home. It is to make a small aquarium, to stock it not with fish but with aquatic insects, and to watch how they behave. It is 21 years ago this year that I made my own such aquarium; and it is 20 years since, by applying what I learned, I saw my Catch trom lakes increas season on season, by around 600 per cent.

There is no magic involved and no special knowledge is required. Running water is not necessary because in-sects that live in still water are in the main similar to those that live in running water. Almost any kind of receptacle can be used and, for what it is worth, my own "aquarium" was a clear plas-tic cake box about 12 inches square and five inches deep, that I filched from a kitchen

cupboard.
I simply went along to a nearby gravel pit, placed some sand and silt from its bed into the bottom of the box, put a large stone in the centre to create an island, and then slowly filled the box to within half an inch of its

lip. While the contents were settling, I trawled along the bottom of the lake and among the weeds with my daughter's minnow net, and dumped anything from it that moved into a jam jar. I then sorted out a few of all

efty krey, the famous the various life forms I had American angler and and placed these into the casting instructor, tells aquarium. A couple of sprigs a wonderful story about a demonstration of fly-fishing that he once gave. water to top up the aquarium as the water in it evaporated. and the job was done.

The first few trawls of the net will produce many of the insects that lake trout eat, and on which so many artificial flies are modelled. They will also dispel any disquiet that lakes might be filled with wriggly horrors and show aquatic insects — unlike many of their land-based brethren — to be fascinating and often beautiful creations. and often beautiful crea-

Those most likely to be found are olive nymphs, damselfly nymphs, corixidae, freshwater shrimps, alder larvae and sedge larvae complete with cases of sand and cut leaves - midge larvae and pupae; and fresh-water snails which, for all their lack of charisma, will creep slowly around the inner surfaces of the glass, keeping them clean and algae-free.

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The mere act of lifting the minnow net from the water will add flesh and meaning to the Latin names so often unnecessarily used in an-gling books, and will clarify much in their sometimes confusing texts. It will show in an instant what aquatic creatures actually look like (and how awful are most of the imitations sold in the shops). The study of them as they bustle about their daily lives inside the

only glass nches away from the end of the nose will and hatch and die — and so illes should be moved and fished on the

end of the line. For those who tie their own flies, the aquarium provides nature's own models for copying, and for those who do not, it will provide the basis for making far more discriminating choices when artificials are being bought.

The aquarium will give other things, as well. The metamorphosis of the darting olive nymph into the diaphanous and elegant winged fly, the hatching of often beautifully coloured adult, the struggles of the corina as it darts to the water's surface, collects a labours mightily to carry it to the bottom to breathe, will absorb and fascinate, give even a sense of privilege and

More practically, the aquarium will give a new sense of confidence when choosing and fishing a fty, especially when the trout are rising and so are known to be present and feeding. It will bring an end to the despera-tion of lucky dip and "what did you get it on?" and "is it true they want something with silver in it today?"

Over all, a profound sense of satisfaction will emerge not only from the fact that fish are being caught, but from a knowledge of why they are being caught. This, with-out doubt, is the greatest. benefit of all it is at this point, and not with any dazzling rod or "secret" fly. that the real magic of flyfishing begins.

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Bromsgrove's late run stirs Hope "They're a very experienced side. They are very strong defensively and they've got 'It must be done before May

By Walter Gammie

prove decisive but Bashley,

Bromsgrove have been ne-

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9," Bobby Hope, the FUELLED by six wins in six Bromsgrove manager, said. matches, Bromsgrove Rovers have swept into contention to "The deadline used to be July 31 but I think one or two continue to make the Beazer teams in the past conned the league. They found the work Homes League the most fiercely contested of the three had not been done, when all feeder leagues to the GM Vauxhall Conference. the places and fixtures had for been decided." A showdown Bromsgrove next Thursday at

"I'm not a betting man," Chris Kinnear, the Dover manager, said. "I wouldn't Dover Athletic, who lead the division by two points, having put any money on us, or any played a game more, may of us, in fact." Dover's 3-0 win over Gravesend and and VS Rugby await any Northfleet on Tuesday, with two goals from Mark Rees, signed from Aldershot last gotiating with the Football week, spelled relegation for raising the £30.000 needed to their fellow Kent side. put up new terracing behind

"Dover were my tips before the season," Hope said.

forwards who can pinch goals. They are a very hard nut to crack."

Four wins last week. Including a 1-0 win at Bashley on Thursday, were vital for Bromsgrove, although injuries to important midfield players, Martin O'Connor and Paul Webb, at Corby Town last Saturday have cast a shadow. "We play well as a team," Hope said. "The play-ers who have come in when needed have not let the side down and I think that's been a big plus for us. One or two lads have remained loyal to us and been prepared to stay part of a squad. We've also got a few players who can

TABLE TENNIS

England's

first tie is

a hard test

THE England men hope to win a medal for the third

successive time in the Europe-

an championships starting in Stuttgart today (Richard Ea-

ton writes). They collected the

silver in Paris in 1988 and a

bronze in Gothenburg in

1990 with teams billed as

England's best since the

Now they are arguably even

stronger, with the addition of

Chen Xinhua, the former

Chinese international, who is

playing in the European

championships for the first

The most important group

match which Chen, Carl

Prean, Alan Cooke and Mat-

thew Syed face may be the

first one, tonight, against the

Austrians, who possess two

former Chinese players. Ding

ENGLAND: Men: C Presn, Chen Xinhus, A Cooke, M Sayed. Women: L Lomes A Gordon (Berts), A Holt.

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play in several positions, which has to be part of non-League football because of the financial side."

Woking will be presented with the Diadora League trophy at tomorrow's home match against Bishop's Stortford. They clinched the title with a 3-0 win at Windsor and Eton last Saturday and drew 3,073 people for a celebratory homecoming against Kingstonian on Tuesday.

Colchester United travel to

Macdesfield Town tonight for the second leg of their Vauxhall FA Trophy semifinal with a 3-0 first-leg lead. Marine, the HFS Loans League side and Witton Albion start the second leg of their semi-final tomorrow at 2-2.

Strung up with Mum and Dad

THE family that plays to-gether stays together. That is the theory but when the play involves the national tennis finals of the Remington father and son and mother and daughter championships, family relations can show signs of strain.

The 28 couples were competing for places in the international finals, the Kiam Cup created by Victor Kiam, the man who liked the game so much he bought the Competiton between rival

families is one thing but there was a certain competitive edge within each doubles team too. Who takes charge? Youth or experiencer David Lloyd has never

been known to shirk a challenge in his professional life. He had flown in from the United States fresh from a round of business meetings in order to compete with his 17-year-old son, Scott, and to renew his taste for competitive tennis.

"It is the toughest between

Alix Ramsay reports from the finals of the Remington family tennis championships

a father and son and I try not to get competitive with Scott," he said. "Last year playing in the final in Portugal I hurt my back badly. Scott realised and he started to take over on court and you can see an enormous change in him. It's not just his tennis, he is more mature."

Their semi-final opponents were the Somas from London. Hiralal is a former doubles champion for the South African Tennis Union, so knows a thing or too about the stresses on court. "The problem is when I first played with my sons I was better than them but now they're getting better than me," he says. "I could never tell my older son, Viren, what to do but now with Hitesh we can discuss tactics."

The tactics stood in good sted as they battled to overcome deficits of 5-1 in the first set and 5-2 in the second before beating the Lloyds 7-6, 7-6. They tried to work the same magic in the final but were just ousted by Ray and Paul Ranson, of Sheffield, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 in an epic final.

Everyone remembers his or her parents doing or saying the wrong thing in pub-



David Lloyd: his son

lic. gaffes that brought not just embarrassment but the end of the world as we knew it during the traumatic teenage years. In front of an eagle-eyed tennis crowd the result can be devastating.

"I try not to say anything,"

Suzie Durham, the youngest competitor at 13 years of age, said with diplomacy, belying her years. "There are times when one gets more frustrated and annoyed than when playing with someone you don't know," her mother, Yvonne,

> light on the problem. But in the end the frustration counted for nothing as the Durhams won the mother-and-daughter title, beating the No. 1 seeds, Joyce and Katie Howden, from Leeds, 7-5, 6-2. If they can preserve the fragile family detente they go through it all again in the international finals in May.

said, shedding a little more

RESULTS: Finale: Fether and son: R and P Ranson (Yorkshire) bi H and H Sons (Middlesset, 75, 57, 52, Mother and Geogless: V and S Qurram (Bussed) bit J and K Howden (Yorkshire), 75, 62,

FOOTBALL

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Vauxhall FA Trophy Semi-final, second leg Macclesfield (0) v Colchester (3) (8.0; first-leg score in brackets)

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VICTORY SHIELD; Under-15 Inter-national: England v Northern Ireland (at Brighton FC, 7.15). BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
Men: First division play-ofts (first of
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HOCKEY

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and the job was done.
The first few trust of a THE football authorities have decided not to finance an independent advice centre for the European championship finals in June similar to the one that was so successful at the 1990 World Cup finals which probably helped to

centre run by the Football Supporters' Association (FSA), the Football Association will set up its own operation and has invited both the FSA and the National Federation of Supporters Clubs to help staff the offices in Sweden.

The government and the FA do not want a separate advice centre because they believe it will only encourage England supporters without tickets or accommodation to visit Sweden. An FA spokesman said yesterday: "It can only cause complications if other people turn up there.

"Most of the lawlessness at major tournaments comes from groups of independent supporters who are not members of the FA's travel club, which has a membership of 4,500, all of whom have been screened against lists of known trouble-makers."

Despite urging everyone to become members of the travel club, the 4,000-strong FSA knows that many England followers, most of them per-

European championship plan is revealed

England fans will come under FA's advice in Sweden

By JOHN GOODBODY

fectly respectable, will go to Scandinavia hoping to get tickets on the "black market". The FSA believes it is only reacting to the realities of the The FSA would like £20,000 to fund and staff

curb hooliganism in Italy. centres in Sweden and is now seeking sponsorship, having had an application for money instead of supporting a turned down by the Football Trust. Steve Beauchampe, the FSA's international of-ficer, said: "We will definitely have a presence in Sweden even if we have to pay for it out of our own pockets. Two FSA officials, who vis-

ited Sweden last month have secured an office free of charge from the local authorities in Stockholm. They hope to have another in Malmo, where England play their opening two matches. After meetings with representatives of the organising committees and supporters club, they distributed leaflets with details of tickets and accommodation to their members.

In Italy, the FSA centres proved invaluable for supporters as about 2,000 people used the services, staffed by volunteers. Three thousand guidebooks were distributed, football matches were organised and even blood was given by FSA members to help local hospitals. An independent survey for

the Council of Europe carried out by the Centre for Football Research at Leicester University, said the FSA centres in Italy were "a generally wellorganised and important initiative". The report, based on replies from 1,457 travel club members, found that 43 per cent thought that the services to the FSA were either "excellent" or "good" with only 24 per cent thinking them either

"poor" or "not good".

However, 60 per cent of the same supporters rated the FA's services as either "poor" or "not good", largely because they did not realise that the problems with ticket distribution were the fault of the World Cup organisers and Fifa and not of the national association.

However, Beauchampe added that the FA has little credibility with the average supporter, who only uses the travel club because it is obliged to do so to get tickets. Many people believe that the FA regard supporters as a

He said supporters are also upset that the package deals with accommodation arranged by the FA's official operator do not cater for the middle market England fol-lowers. Up to 5,000 England supporters are expected to go to Sweden for the eight-na-

YACHTING

Charles is eased An end to French out of contention challenge FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN HYERES, FRANCE

ing keel boat crew won the right yesterday to represent Britain at Barcelona, but as NEW Zealand, quicker on all but one leg of the course in the breeze of between eight and 11 knots, beat Ville de they came ashore to celebrate their new found Olympic stathe trio ran into the charges of unfair and un-Paris by the large margin of sporting behaviour from their two rivais, Glyn Charles and Chris Law.

the America's Cup challenger Smith, who is crewed by elimination series at the ex-Rob Cruikshank and Ossie pense of her French Stewart, gave up third place in the final fleet race of the French pre-Olympic regatta In the other challenger to wait, with sails flapping, race. Chris Dickson's yacht, for Charles to arrive at the Nippon, beat Il Moro di Vepenultimate mark then nezia, skippered by Paul herded him into oblivion on Cavard and already certain of the final leg to the finish.

Charles and his crew, who after gaining the lead on the had to count a good position yesterday to finish within the top six nations overall and In the defenders' series, thus challenge Smith for the Dennis Conner's Stars & Olympic berth in a match race final, was forced down Stripes lost her second successive race, to the Bill ten places to nineteenth and Koch-led syndicate's second dropped out of the reckoning. yacht America3 and has to There is nothing in the

win one of her remaining two rules against such action and it has been a standing tactic races to have a chance of making the defenders' final. employed by leading crews at RESULTS: Semi-finals: Challengars: Nip-pon (C Dickson, Japan) bit il Moro di Venezia (P Cayard, II), 1mm Shac; New Zealand (P Davis) bit Ville de Paris (M Pajot, Fr.), 3min 30sc. Progress points: 1. New Zealand, Spits; 2, il Moro di Venezia, 5; 3, Ville de Paris, 3, 4, Nippon, 2. Defenders: Amenca³ (B Meiges) bit Stars & Stripes (D Conner), 2mn (Beac, Progress points: 1, Karza (W Koch), 5; 2, Stars & Stripes, 4; 3, Amenca³, 2. dinghy championships for as long as game plans have been a part of this sport. However, this did not stop Law, who was forced to retire after suffering a broken spinnaker halyard while leading the Sol-

ironically, Law employed exactly the same tactic at this championship eight years ago...to dismiss Colin Simmonds's aspirations for Olympic status. "I am not particularly proud of that and done that action now," he retorted yesterday when re-minded of the way he had

won his Olympic position. Shirley Robertson also confirmed her Olympic status in the Europe class and Barrie Edgington moved a step closer to winning the British windsurfing nomination after chalking up his second win of the series.

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SWIMMING

Alert given on street drugs

BY CRAIG LORD

ten-day training camp in Florida, during which 16

random drug tests were taken

by Sports Council repres-

All the tests, including

those for the four swimmers

pre-selected for the Olympics,

proved negative. However,

rumours have since circulat-

ed that swimmers were in-

volved in smoking social

PROSPECTIVE Olympic British Olympic squad from a swimmers and their coaches have been given a warning about the dangers of social drugs just over a month before the selection champion-

ships for Barcelona A letter signed by medical staff and Paul Bush, the British team manager, directs swimmers to be aware that marijuana and other street drugs" are included on the International Olympic Committee's banned substances list. It follows the return of a

200 metres butterfly swim-

mer, has left the sport just a

month before the Olympic

selection championships

(Craig Lord writes). His deci-

sion ends a career which was

marked by swings from excel-

Having won his first nat-

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200 metres short-course record (1min 57.86sec) to his

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drugs at the training camp.
The authorities deny that the letter is connected with Jones calling it a day TIM Jones, the British No. 1

Birmingham, led by Nick Gillingham, the European champion at 200 metres breaststroke, will be all the weaker for Jones's retirement when they take on the men from Leeds, Barnet Copthall and Portsmouth Northsea at the British club team championships at Sheffield today and tommorrow.

Nova Centurion and Portsmouth Northsea are likely to set the standard in the women's contest. The winner will compete at the EC championships at Toulouse, France, next month.

the rumours. Bush said: "The letter merely gives the guide-lines from the Sports Council. It is a general warning about potential repercussions that can occur. No evidence has been brought to my attention that any member of our team is taking drugs."

The need for such advice was highlighted at the national championships in December when two swimmers were advised by the official doctor not to compete because the drugs they had been prescribed for colds contained banned substances.

In 1976, several British swimmers, mainly American based, were deprived of their places in the Olympic team for Montreal after being found smoking social drugs. Michael Fibbens, world cup series sprint champion, and one of those pre-selected for Barcelona, said: "Street drugs are widely available to young people in clubs, pubs, and so on. The most damaging of all are the rumours. I've heard so many stories about Florida. But I was there and I didn't see anything at all. We were there to train."

Fibbens benefits, page 34

Power play: Michael Stich, the Wimbledon tennis champion, powers his way to a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Anders Jarryd in the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday

CRICKET

Capacity crowds expected

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN

THE South African cricket team is the guest of honour tonight at a reception being hosted by Noor Hassanail the president of Trinidad and Tobago. It gives the team's presence here an official recognition which should help to defuse any lingering reservations held locally about the visit

There is no lack of interest among cricket followers. All 17,000 reserved seats for the one-day international tomorrow have been sold and 15,000 of them have already gone for the game on Sunday. The Queen's Park ground could reach its capacity of 26,000 for both matches.

The same pitch is to be used over the weekend, which will surprise the England A players who lost an unofficial Test match by 130 runs on this ground last month on an under-prepared surface. Trinidad continues to expe-

rience a drought but Lance

Murray, the West Indian board's local member, says: There will be no repetition of the England game fiasco. A lot of work has been done and I expect the pitch to play something like it would on the second and third days of a Test match." It seems likely that Roger Harper, the West Indies off spinner, will get a game, certainly on Sunday.

Season's fixtures, page 32 | at Melton Mowbray.

SQUASH RACKETS

Devoy faces same stumbling block in quarter-final

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

SUSAN Devoy's attempt to reclaim the Hi-Tec British Open championship for New Zealand yesterday took on dangerously familiar proportions as Sue Wright, the young British closed champion, who upset her progress in last year's quarter-finals, emerged to challenge her once more at the same stage at Wembley tomorrow.

Wright, aged 21, from Big-gin Hill, in Kent, defeated Heather Wallace, of Canada. 9-5, 9-0, 5-9, 9-0, in a 50minute second-round match on women's day at Lambs Club, London. This time last year she was celebrating her surprise removal of Michelle Martin, of Australia, the eighth seed, the first of three top ten players she defeated coming from behind, before losing the final, with blistered feet, to Lisa Opic.

Opie's return of the title to British tenure for the first time in three decades was almost overshadowed by the astonishing progress of the then thirteenth-seeded Kent

"I am a better player now, more consistent," Wright said yesterday. "I like playing on the Perspex court at Wembley. It suits my slow game. But Susan is such a strong character and she is still world champion while I am

Devoy won 3-1 when they met in the Dutch Open final in December, "But that was American scoring and we went to tie-breaks in the first two games. I learned from that and I thought she was nervous against me.'

The seedings suggest that another success over the world champion would bring Wright, seeded eight, once more into confrontation with Martin, promoted to fourth seed and performing well enough yesterday to remove Suzanne Horner, the England No. 4, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1 in just 16 minutes.

But Martin has her own English problems tomorrow with the arrival of Cassandra Jackman. Norfolk's 19-year old junior world champion. in her quarter-final after a 39minute 6-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2, win over the much-improved Linda Charman.

The Australian defeated Jackman the last time they met, in the Malaysian final last August, and with Devoy remains the last of the world's top ten yet to succumb to the increasing severity of the

Wright defeated Martin again on the way to the Dutch final and may prefer that prospective route towards another British Open final, rather than a clash with the

RESULTS FROM LAMBS CLUB

WOMEN: First round: L Irving (Aus) bt & Macha, 10-9, 10-9, 9-3: \$ FitzGerald (Aus)

IN BRIEF

Upset for Becker in Spain

Boris Becker was beaten 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 by the 230th-ranked iru, Jonei Buri 19, in the second round of the Spanish Open, at Barcelona. Burillo had disposed of another German, Carl-Uwe

Steeb, in the first round. Out of action

Rugby league: Oldham's Western Samoan prop, Tiny Solomona, signed from Widnes last week, is to have a second groin operation.

Arundel honour Cricket: Alan Wells, the Sus-

sex skipper, will lead Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI against the Pakistanis in the traditional tour opener at Arundel on Sunday, May 3. TEAM: A P Welts (Sussex, captain), N J Lenhem, P Moores, F D Stephenson, B T P Donrelon, I D K Salsbury (all Sussex), P D Bowler, T J G O'Gorman, M Jean-Jacques, S J Beas (all Derbyshire), R O Sutcher (Suffolk)

Eastern promise

Motor sport: A Formula Onestandard track is planned for the Zhuhai special economic zone in Guangdong province, China. Only the Olympics and the football World Cup are more popular than motor racing, an official said

Close defeat

Bowls: Terry Scott and David Webb, the 1990 winners, were beaten 23-20 on an extra end by Ted Boyle and his son, lain, in the quanerfinals of the Manchester Unity EIBA pairs championship

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ATHLETICS GUILDFORD: European police cross country championships: Men (11 5km): 1. J. Pranon (F). 36min 37sec; 2. C. Campegnec (F). 30:58; 3, P. Fargère (F). 37:18 Team: 1, France, 33pts, 2, Germany, 87, 3. Britain, 125. Women (5 9km): 1, B. Anderson (Den), 20.53; 2, 3 Gollan (GB), 21.47, 3, N. Suze (F), 22.12. Team: 1, Germany, 15pts; 2, France, 19, 3, Dermark, 29 FIXTURES,

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Taronto Blue Jays
10, Detroi Tigers 9: Miwaukee Brewers 9.
Minnesota Twins 5: Cleveland Indians 4.
Baltimore Oncles 0; Texas Rangers 13.
Seattle Mariners 1, Chicago White So. 4.
California Angels 3; Oakland A's 4,
Kansas City Royals 3.

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Perkins, I Middlemast (Clarry Dunbar) 20, J O'Toole, H Craig (New Yatery) 11; M
Stevenson, A Ward (Newsri) 25, J Krox, M Avent (Plymouth) 14; L Jinks, A toole (Leicester) 28, K Wooding, S Taylor (City of Coventry) 27; C Yelland, W Richards (Cambridge Park) 19; M Overton, I Danés (Wymondham Dell) 20, M Rothon, C Bryan (Barlong) 15; J Haseldine, N Corbin (Rushden) 24, B Grundy, M Migste (Angel) 15; A Wills, A Albook (Bentham) 28, C Watford, D Harding (Stoke Mandeville) 17. Second round: H Thempson, J Wickham (Teignbridge) 22; A Briden, J Hay (Watford) 24, P Hayes, L Miller (March GER) 13; T Scott, D Webb (Gateshead) 23, W Blake, R Joyes (Woodspring) 14; B Yickera, G Smith (Cyphers) 13, E Boyle, I Boyle (Richardsons) 24; Bristol 25, Clarrie Dunbar 16; Newark 20, Leicester 19; Thomaby 21, Wymondham Dell 10; Rushden 8, Bentham 32. Pairs: Quarter-finals: R Johnson and J Wickham (Teignbridge) 27, A Bnden and J Hay (Watford) 19, E Boyle and I Boyle (Richardsons) 23, T Scott and D Webb (Gateshead) 20; M Stevenson and A Ward (Newark) 17, M Edwards and J Hooday (Briston) 15; A Wills and A Allook (Bentham) 19, D Balser and J Wennington (Thomaby) 18 Thiples: Final: R Gaskins, G Harington, E Harger (Brackley) 19, C Palmer, J Thurlbock, J Lemma (Stanley). 11.
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FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday
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Bastie 1; Red Star 2, Guingamp 1; Caen 0,
Pau 0 (Caen won on pens); Cannes 2,
Montpellier 1.

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DUTCH LEAGUE: Twents Enschede 2, Urscht 0; Fortuna Sitiard 1, RKC Washvilk 0.

SWISS LEAGUE: Gresshopper 1, Leusanne 1; Young Boys Berne 4, Sion 1; St Gell 0, Servette 2; Neuchâtet Xamax 1, Zurich 3.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry City 0, Sheifield Wednesdey 0; Liverpool 2, Wisnibedon 3; Norwich City 1, Arsenel 3; Southernotten 0, Nothingham Forest 1, Second division: Laicester City 3; Sunstenand 2: Missell 1; Sweeten Tothy 1, Trird division: Peterborough United 2.

Bournemouth 0.

B & Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: St Johnstone 0, Aberdeen 0; St Misren 1, Cellit 1. Pinst division: St Johnstone 0, Morrouse 1.

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BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:
Promiler division: Brey Wanderers 2,
Cork City 1: St Patrick's Athletic 1,
Bolumians 3.

Cork City 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Bolemanns 1.

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NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Northellerion 0, Gretna 2; South Benk 1, Billingham Synthonia 2: Whicknem 1, Byth Sperians 5.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham 1, Fareham 0; Centarbury City 2, Bosport Borough 0; Hythe 3, Bury 1; Sefisbury 1, Dunstable 2. Midland division: Hincidey 1, Sutton Coldheid 2. Leiceater Utd 1, Redditch 2: Soilbus Borough 2, Barry 1; Yatte 1, Tentworth 3, JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightingsea 2, Brantham 0.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Leyton Orient 3, Colchester 2, Senethord 1, Sutton Utd 1; Wekingham 3, Slough 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Selizah 4. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Chippenham 3, Frome 1; Seltash 4,

FOR THE RECORD Mineheed 3; Twenton 1, Budeford 2; Tormpton 2, Dewitch 1 VICTORY SHIELD: Schools Under-15 International: Wales 1, Northern Irstand

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INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Turkey 2, Denmark 1; Romania 2, Lativa 0

LIBERTADORES CUP: Group one: Sen Lorerzo (Arg) 2, Universitiad Catolica (Chile) 2. Group two: São Paulo (Br) 1.

San José (Bol) 1. Group three: Deportivo Valida (Ec) 1. Universidad de los Andes (Ven) 1. Group lour: Sport Boys (Penu) 0, Nacional (Col) 6 Group five: Cerro Porteno (Par) 1. Nacional (Uni) 1

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FREESTYLE SKIING LA PLAGNE, France: Volvo British/Dutch International: Men's mogular 1, H Hutchison (Scot), 24,57 sec. M Liebreich (Eng), 24,52,3. T Jersen (Den), 23,12: 4, R Binnerweg (Neth), 23,05; 5, 5 George (Eng), 21,70 Women's mogular 1, J Curry (Eng), 18,57,2. N Fornest (Scot), 17,12; 3, K Smith (Eng), 17,13, 4, S Spatcling (Eng), 17,07: 5, G Bersen (Eng), 10,51.



Amy Frazier: winner in Tokyo tennis

BOXING

LEEDS: Protegational tournament: Commonwealth super-middlewelight title (12 mids): Henry Wharton (York) bit Rod Carr (Melbourne), rec 8th rnd Wetter (6 mids): Steve Howden (Shefrield) bit Ron Hopley (Ripon), pta Light-heavy (8 mids) Mccheel Gale (Leeds) bit Tony Booth (Sheffield), pts
ATLANTIC CITY: Heavyweight (ten rounds). Ruddick, Bowe (US) bit Conroy Nelson (Can), rac 1st rnd LEEDS: Prolessional Lournament

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CYCLING

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Rossall 3½. Duhinch 1½. Stowe 3 City of
London 2. Marborough 3½. Downside
1½. Welkin 3. Merchant Taytors' 2.
Stornyturs 4 Brightion 1. St. Bede 3.
Gresham's 2. Wellington 3½. Framungham 1½. Cranleigh 3. Rectley 2.
Tonbridge 5. Felsted 0.
Cranterhouse 4½. King's Canterbury ½.
Sendwich: Rugby 4. Cheltenham 1.
Easibourne 3. Strewsbury 2. Repton 5.
Wesimmsier 0: Edinburgh Academy 4. St.
Hartow 4½. Haleybury ½. Glenathond
4½. Bashop's Stortford ½. Felties 3.
Liverpool 2: Whilight 5. Chigwell 0.
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OUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoate Open dou-bles champlonship: Second round: N Smith and S Hazell bit M Carr and O Morris-Adams, 15-5, 15-0, 15-2, 15-4; W Boone and J Press bit J Longley and D Makey, 15-5, 15-7, 15-1. 15-6

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan Opan champlonships: Men: Third round: 5 Edoerg (Swe) bit Masur (Aus), 6.3, 6.3; 7 Woodbridge (Aus) bit G Pozz (ft), 6.3; 6.3; 7 Woodbridge (Aus) bit G Pozz (ft), 6.3; 6.3; 7 Woodbridge (Aus) bit B Steven (NZ), 4.6; 6.3, 6.4; ft Kraßesk (Neth) bit J Grabb (US), 6.4; 6.3, A Maradorf (len) bit Planthus (Neth), 4.6; 6.1, 7.4; M Chang (US) bit M Zocke (Gen), 6.4; 6.2; M Sterh (Ger) bit A Jarryd (Swe), 7.5; 6.2; B Gübert (US), bit A Krickatein (US), 6.4; 6.1; Y Date (Japan) bit M Javer (GB), 6.4; 6.1; Y Sawamasu (Jacon) bit R Reggi-Concato (tt), 6.3; 6.2; S Appelmans (Be) bit M Werdel (US), 7.5; 6.2; A Gömez (Ec), Thuster (Austria) bit JAlmr (sp), 6.3; 4.6; 6.3; J Bunfle (So) bit B Becker (Ger), 1.6; 7.6; 6.4; T Vuster (Austria) bit JAlmr (sp), 6.3; 4.6; 6.3; J Bunfle (So) bit B Becker (Ger), 1.6; 7.6; 6.4; D Yeneson (Swe) bit A Correita (So), 5.7; 7.6; 6.1; Third round: C Coste bit J Elandi (Neth), 7.6; 6.1; A Mascani (Arr) bit F Clavet (Sp), 7.6; 6.0; A Mascani (Arr) bit F Clavet (Sp), 7.6; 6.0; A Mascani (Arr) bit F Clavet (Sp), 7.6; 6.0; A Mascani (Arr) bit F Clavet (Sp), 7.6; 6.0; A Mascani (Arr) bit F Clavet (Sp), 7.6; 6.0; A Gwish (Arr) bit F Labet (Arr), 7.6; F.1; B Schultz (Neth) bit F Labet (Arr), 7.6; F.2; C Marinaz (Sp) bit C Papadalu (Gr), 6.0; 6.3; I Gomorchalegui (Arr) bit T Whittington (US), 6.0; 6.2; N Zvereve (CIS) bit C

Marinaz (Sp.) bt C Papadalu (Gr.), 6-0, 6-3: I Gorochalegu (Arg) bt 1 Whitington (US), 6-0, 6-2: N Zvereva (CS) bi C Bassett-Seguso (Can), 6-3, 6-4; K Rinaldi (US) bt L Garrone (It), 7-5, 6-2. Quarter-finalis: A Coetzer (SA) bt G Sabasmi (Arg), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2: S Graf (Ger) bt Z Garnson (US), 6-0, 5-7, 7-5. S Hack (Ger) bt K Maiseva (Bul), 6-4, 8-3: J Novolna (Cz) bt P Hy (Can), 6-1, 2-1 ref DABORONE, Bottwarts: Women 1 21-ellite tournament: Quarter-finalis (GB unless stated) E Gevers (SA) bt S Bentley, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0, C Summers (SA) bt L Venter (SA), 6-2, 6-3, J Pullin bt K Groas, 6-4, 6-4, L Ani bt E Nortje (Nam), 6-3, 2-6, 8-3

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Wolstenholme overcomes nerves at Augusta

Wadkins takes an early lead with round of 65

COLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

GARY Wolstenholme yesterday enjoyed the most memorable round of his career as, alongside Arnold Palmer, he played his first nine competitive holes in 33 strokes on his way to a 72 in the Masters at Augusta National.

Lanny Wadkins, who won the US PGA Championship in 1977, established the early target with a seven-under-par round of 65.

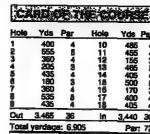
Wolstenholme, aged 31, the Amateur champion, started out on a heavenly morning when there was not even a breath of wind to rustle the towering Georgia pines.

The first hole is as gentle as they come. Woistenholme, however, is not a long hitter and, from 40 yards behind Palmer, he struck a sound second shot to find the green. He spoiled it by taking three putts. It came as something of a surprise as, after a practice round on Wednesday, Jack Nicklaus said of Wolsten-holme that he felt he could make the halfway cut because of the quality of his short

At the 2nd and 3rd, Wolstenholme confirmed the wisdom of those words to Paimer and to the large gallery which customarily follows the great man, especially here where he has won four times.

Wolstenholme hit a lovely pitch at the 2nd which spun the ball back to four feet. Palmer, 20 feet away, made his putt for a birdie which, of course, received generous applause. Woistenholme, too, clapped as he did virtually everytime that Palmer played a shot. Then he holed himself for a birdie.

Next Wolstenholme coaxed the ball in from 14 feet for a birdie at the 3rd. He gave



birdie at the 7th which he holed via the side door, and advanced with another birdie at the 8th.

Palmer was clearly impressed and Wolstenholme continued to enjoy himself. He salvaged his par at the 9th with the most delicate of chips to four feet from the hole.

It is a tradition at Augusta for the leader-board to have on it at the start of play the names of the four major champions from the previous years, and also the Amateur champion and the US Amateur champion. It is unsual for the Amateur champion's name to remain there for long, but Wolstenholme knew that whatever happened he had led the Masters.

Palmer outdrove him by 60 yards at the 11th. Wolstenholme had no option other than to play safe with his second and from the right side of the green he took three to get down to drop another shot. He gave another back at the 14th, birdied the 17th, but dropped another at the

Wadkins, out in 34, demonstrated how to play Amen Corner, where so often for-tune fluctuates, by extracting a birdle from each hole — the 11th, 12th and 13th - with which he moved to five under par. He made further progress with another birdie at the 14th and finished with one at the 18th.

Raymond Floyd, aged 49, brought back memories of his Masters triumph in 1976

field by gathering four birdies in his first five holes. But he took six at the 7th and he needed a birdie at the 8th to be out in 33. Then, at the 10th, he dropped two shots at one hole for the second time in his round.

Colin Montgomerie two-putted from fully 60 feet for a birdie at the 2nd but he had missed from ten feet at the 1st and he did so from a similar distance at the 3rd. His approach was too strong at the 5th and he dropped a shot there and another at the next where he three-putted from

The Scot saved par from the back of the 7th with a good chip to two feet. Out in 37, he started back with three successive pars before mak-ing a birdie at the 13th. Steven Richardson and

David Feherty, like Mont-gomerie playing in their first Masters, were out in 35 and 36 respectively. Richardson dropped a shot at the 7th but he had an eagle three at the 8th. Feherty began with 12 successive pars, took seven at the 13th, but had a birdie at the next.

Bernhard Langer had to scramble early on but he was out in 36. He elbowed his way Into contention with three successive birdies from the

Jeff Sluman, the former US PGA champion, became the first player in the history of the Masters to have a hole in one at the fourth. There have been 11 holes in one, five on the 16th, three on the 12th and three on the 6th. Sluman went to four under with his. EARLY FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unfows etabed): 67: 1, Waddins. 69: F Alam (SA), 70: B R Brown, N Henke, 71: B McCalleder, 72: P Jacobsen, B Glider, "G

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Master stroke: Gene Sarazen, who won at Augusta 57 years ago, gets the 1992 event under way yesterday

Milan coach advises caution

By Our Sports Staff

FABIO Capello, the AC Milan coach, has warned his unbeaten side against taking victory for granted in its drive for the Italian league football title. Milan, six points clear of Juventus with seven games left this season, should have an easy time against Cremonese, who are facing relegation, on Sunday.

But Capello has advocated caution. "It may be difficult for us because a psychological easing up is possible," he sald. "I remember once as a player with Juventus when we lost a five-point lead in four Sundays to Torino, who went on to win the title,"

Capello may be without Frank Rijkaard, his influentlal Dutch midfield player. who went down with suspected appendicitis at the end of a training session on Wednes-day. The club's medical staff are keeping Rijkaard under close observation before deciding whether he needs an

Juventus may recall Jürgen Kohier, the German central defender, for what should be a relatively simply home game against the bottom

suspended Benetti and Piscedda, while two other players, Pierleoni and Aloisi, have been dropped as punish-ment for an argument on the pitch during the 2-1 home defeat by Internazionale last

The Spanish champions. Barceiona, face a testing five days starting on tomorrow. Second in the title race, and one point behind Real Madrid, they travel to Valencia then for a difficult league match before hosting Benfica next Wednesday in a decisive European Cup tie to decide who goes through to the final at Wembley on May 20. Barcelona were knocked out of this year's Spanish Cup by Valencia and have not won

there for five seasons. Real Madrid, the leaders, also play away on Saturday, but their task against the bottom club, Real Mailorca,

looks a easier. In France, Marseilles need to beat Montpellier tomorrow to fend off the challenge from their arch-rivals, Monaco, before the two clubs play what could be the deciding match for the league title next week. The champions will have

the advantage of playing at

home tomorrow while Monaco, two points behind them, face a difficult trip to Nantes

tonight.
Monaco may also feel weary against Marseilles on April 18, since the team from the principality is still involved in the French Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup. The travel to Rotterdam to play the second leg of their semi-final against Feyenoord on

Chris Waddle, the En player who seems set to leave Marseilles at the end of the season, has a personal interest in his side's match against "If Monaco have an inter-

est in me at the end of the season. I'll have an interest in them," he said.

Eintracht Frankfurt, VfB Stuttgart, and Borussia Dortmund, the German sides separated by goal difference at the top of the Bundesliga, all face hard opposition at the weekend.

Eintracht, the leaders, travel to Borussia Monchengladbach, who overcame Bayer Leverkusen in the German Cup semi-finals in midweek, while VfB, in second place, entertain Nuremberg.
Tonight, Dortmund play Bayern Munich, formerly a power in West Germany and Europe, but now struggling for points to avoid relegation.

With four matches to go in The Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven will be defending a three-point advantage over Ajax when they host the struggling Willem II Tilburg

Ajax are at home to FC den Haag, who desperately need a win to avoid relegation.

□ Samesh Kumar, the Birmingham City chairman, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute for his remarks about the referee after the St Andrew's riot on February 29.

Kumar will face an FA Commission to explain his comments about the referee Roger Wiseman, who later asked to be withdrawn from matches for the rest of the 523500

Kumar subsequently wrote to Wiseman to apologise. Last week, Birmingham were given a suspended sentence by the FA of a £50,000 fine and an order to play two games behind closed doors for falling to exercise proper crowd

Bates in move to gain time

By MATTHEW BOND

NEGOTIATIONS between Chelsea and Cabra Estates. the property company that owns Stamford Bridge, continued yesterday as the mid-night deadline for Chelsea to pay Cabra £22.85 million

With the deadline out of the way, Cabra is free to begin eviction or winding up proceedings against Chelsea, al-though neither move would threaten the two remaining home matches that Chelsea have this season.

However, Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, bought the club more time yesterday when he confirmed that Chelsea's lawyers would appeal directly to the House of Lords for a stay of last week's Appeal Court order requiring Chelsea to buy Stamford Bridge

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by midnight yesterday.

The House of Lords is in recess and is not due to return until after Easter. As a result It is unclear when Chelsea's appeal would be heard. In the meantime negotiations are expected to continue.

One sticking point is the position of Fulham, who are due to receive £5 million from Cabra if they vacate Craven Cottage at the end of the season.

Assuming Fulham were to ground-share with Cheisea, part of that money could be used to help raise the £10-13 million in cash that Mr Bates has offered Cabra for SB Property, the Cabra subsid-iary that owns Stamford Bridge. Cabra is believed to be unhappy about money it pays to Fulham being used to ouy Stamford Bridge.

If Cheisea's lawyers are suc-cessful with the appeal, that could step up the pressure on John Duggan, Cabra's

Notice of an extraordinary general meeting at which Vanbrugh, a private com-pany controlled by Mr Bates and owner of 29.6 per cent of Cabra's shares, is expected to go out next week, with the egm following three to four weeks after that

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League replay

By IAN Ross

MANY thousands of supporters will be disappointed if the Rumbelows Cup final between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest at Wembley on Sunday requires a replay.

Because the Football League and the Football Association failed to reach agreement on a date for a second game, it will now be staged four days after the season has officially ended, on May 6, at Goodison Park, the home of Everton, a ground which can accommodate only 39,000 people.

The date which the Football League had originally set aside for a replay, April 22, had to be discounted because the clubs involved will be ful-filling outstanding League fixtures during that week. Attempts by League offici-

als to reschedule a replay for May 4 at Wembley were thwaned when the FA exercised its right to ban any event there in the weeks leading up to its own showpiece, the FA Cup final, on May 9.

"We are very disappointed because it means that the supporters of two of our biggest clubs will suffer if a replay is required," Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, said. With Hillsborough and Vil-

la Park both unavailable because of ground redevelopment work, the League had little option but to approach Everton.

The Leeds United manager, Howard Wilkinson, hopes to make Eric Cantona's transfer from the French club. Nimes, permanent next week. Leeds, who made a £100,000 downpayment for the international forward in February, will now have to pay an additional £800,000.

New Zealand. Rafi also said first South African team to that the controversial leg spinner, Abdul Qadir, would

Surrey fast bowler, Waqar Younis, is to be flown to London to receive treatment for a stress fracture of the back in an effort to get him fit for the tour of England which starts next month. Shahid Rafi, secretary, of the Board of Control of Crick-

et in Pakistan, said vesterday that a decision on whether to include the player in the World Cup winner's squad would be made on the basis of medical reports. Waqar's injury, incurred in

the winter series against Sri Lanka, kept him out of the have to "undergo scrutiny for fitness" before any decision was taken on whether he should be in the party.

You cannot ignore him ... because he is such a wonderful bowler and a source of strength for the side," Raft

Qadir, aged 36, spent four months in plaster after an operation on an Achilles tendon he ruptured during a charity match between Pakistan and India at Uxbridge last autumn. ☐ Transvaal will become the

Medical check for Wagar play at Lord's since 1965, when they face MCC in a oneday game on July 19 (Marcus Williams writes).

MCC Intend to include

players from all over the world for a fixture that will form part of a three-match MCC cricket festival.

The club's other opponents will be the winners of the European Cricketer Cup and Scotland. The European competition is to be held at Worksop College, Notting-hamshire, starting on July

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Power of positive thinking

DURING the next couple of weeks, the New Zealand Rugby Union will be celebrating its centenary, an unforgettable hundred years in a country where people's hearths and homes nurture mighty rugby men. The game there provokes strong and noble emotions and unites the humblest and most powerful people in the land. Memories and dreams will be prompted during three special matches involving some of the greatest players in the world. New Zealand

has much to celebrate. This weekend, though, members of the International Rugby Football Board meet in Wellington to discuss and then decide the future of the game worldwide: the laws, amateurism. international tours, the return of South Africa to the family and much more. It will also announce the country that will host the Rugby World Cup in 1995. Several have expressed the desire to stage the event, for all understand the colossal interest this tournament stimulates

wherever it is played. The overwhelming opinion in the British Isles and in France is that Rugby World Cup 1991 was one of the greatest sporting festivals. and that the whole thing was a success, with many thousands of people converted to the game and an almost Cliff Morgan, the former Wales

and British Isles stand-off and a director of CPMA, on Rugby

World Cup's commercial future

country, a reaction which, reports suggest, is echoed all over the world. What has been the im-

pulse? The World Cup, played in commendable spirit, was also unwaveringly stylish and exciting. It is my belief that the directors of Rugby World Cup. the rugby unions throughout the world and everyone who worked on the detail of planning and organising this complex event can nod their heads when recalling the words from the Book of Hosea: "He shall cast forth his roots and his branches shall spread". That was the aim and the achievement enlarges itself week by week in far-flung corners of the world. Rugby

Yet I have been saddened and sickened by a few cynics who continue to knock everything about Rugby World Cup 1991, uncaring people who create confusion about the future of the tournament.

Much of this attack is

aimed at my company.

equal number of youngsters to Rugby World Cup. I am proud to represent this company, for it cares about helping to build a secure structure for the game's future and to provide for rugby the sort of security en-joyed by the football World

Cup and the Olympic Games. For the eye that wanted to see. Rugby World Cup 1991 did the job it set out to do. For those few others, they are overwhelmed by the 1.7 bil-lion who watched and enjoyed it. In 1987, seventeen coun-

tries watched the World Cup on television. The 1991 tournament was viewed in 103 countries. In the United Kingdom the peak viewing audience for the final was 15.3 million and 82 per cent of the population watched some World Cup coverage. In France, the quarter-final against England attracted a record audience of 20.7 million; in Japan, over 17 million people watched Scotland

The world's media flocked to the event to bring Rugby World Cup to its broadest audience: 2,700 media people were accredited, compared with the 445 at the inaugural event in 1987. And the reaction of the ma-jor sponsors? We have received praise from all quarters, including the chair-man of Heinz, Dr Tony

O'Reilly, who told me that his company had been abso-lutely satisfied with its close involvement. Good for the company as well as beneficial to the game. Steinlager achieved a sev-

en-fold increase in sales in Britain between September and October and Ricoh increased its conversion rate of sales calls into new business by 27 per cent through World Cup promotions. So who can deny that the World Cup was not a remarkably powerful marketing vehicle for those

involved? In appointing my company for the 1993 Rugby World Sevens, the board of Rugby World Cup said that we had successfully carried out the commercial programme and met the targets. Our brief was not to exploit or rape the commercial market-place, it was to get the World Cup up to speed as a world occasion and always to bear in mind the twin objectives of income

and exposure. So many people are playing a positive role for they have a strong deep attachment to the game. Rugby has done well by us and it de-

serves that we do well by it.

Ashe illness upsets players one can cope with it, he can.

FROM BARRY WOOD IN TOKYO

competitor and his tennis

training will help him cope with this situation."

leading player, added his tribute to a man who is re-

garded as one of the states-

TENNIS players expressed their surprise and shock yesterday at the revelation that Arthur Ashe is suffering from the Aids virus, although it is understood it had been rumoured in the locker-room for more than a year.

their concern for both him and his family. "It's brutal," Jimmy Connors, whom Ashe beat in the 1975 Wimbledon final, said at the Tokyo Open. "I'm in total shock. It is unbelievable that something like this could happen, but if any-

Nevertheless, there can be no doubting the sincerity of

men of the game. "I could not believe it when I heard the news. It's hard to believe that he got the virus through a blood transfusion in 1983. I am sad for him and his family," he said.
"Arthur was a great player.
He had been, and still is, a

great example to all of us inside and outside tennis." As a player, he was a great Michael Chang may be too young to remember Ashe's glory days but he appreciated Stefan Edberg, the world's the sadness of the situation.

In London, Ian Barnes, spokesman for the International Tennis Federation, described Ashe as a model professional. "We have tremendous sympathy with Ar-thur. He has always been a splendid example to young athletes and for a thing like to happen to him especially in these circumstances is distres-

All Blacks prepare for change

ONLY six of the New Zealand rugby union team that contested last October's World Cup semi-final with Australia will play in the shadow All Blacks side in Napier on Sunday (David Hands writes). After that trial, against a possibles XV called the Saracens, the party of 26 for the three-match centenary series against a World XV will be chosen.

However, all three Western Samoan backs who played in the World Cup have won places after yesterday's trials double-header, also staged in Napier. Frank Bunce plays at centre for the probables,

Timo Tagaloa play stand-off half and wing, respectively, for the possibles.

Several leading players, among them Michael Jones, John Timu, Terry Wright and the half backs. Jason Hewett and John Preston. could not be considered because of injury, but Laurie Mains, the new coach, is dearly considering making

wholesale changes.

He was disappointed with
the standard of fitness shown by the tight forwards yesterday, although he admitted he was impressed with two newcomers from North Harbour.

while Stephen Bachop and Richard Turner, at No. 8, and Blair Larsen, at lock Both go straight into the probables, under the captaincy of Michael Brewer.

Although Grant Fox. the country's leading points scorer, holds his place at standoff, Bachop presents a clear challenge. Were he to win promotion he could play alongside his younger brother, Graeme, the All Blacks scrum half. Sunday's teams include another set of brothers. Greg and Matt Cooper, who oppose each other at full back.

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ovial Sir Kingsley beams. "Long time no see! Brought a photographer with you eh? What fun, I adore having my picture taken. Welcome to the Savoy — and this time let's have no nonsense about you paying the bill. This lunch is on me.

Sir Kingsley places fiction a long way above journalism, so I thought I'd try it. Not very convincing is it. So I must rely on the facts in my notepad. "You can say what you like," he says, "as long as you don't have me going purple with rage." So this is not to be one of those

Amis interviews, regular as the first cuckoo, where the journalist presses buttons (Arts council/Architects/ Modern poets) to cause a harrumph to erupt, or the eyes to pop. That would be as foolish as offering him a nice healthy spritzer instead of two malt whiskies before

lunch, or balking at the bill (£142). We meet because his 70th birth-day looms next week. His publishers are giving a large party which he does not expect to enjoy one bit. and reissuing Lucky Jim as a Penguin 20th-century classic, and his Memoirs in paperback, hooray.
All that fuss about the memoirs

being "morally repugnant" was misplaced. Of course The Sunday Times extracted all the most disgusting bits, the sodden, drunken yarns and the grudges borne after half a century about the rounds certain tightwads failed to buy. "Not that I blame the paper. What are they to do? Print the bits that show me to be a charming old chap, satisfied with my lot?" There were plenty of charming bits: a touching portrait of Betjeman, a deeply true one of John Braine, a tribute to the novelist Elizabeth Taylor. But hacks got busy, finding out whether victims were (if still alive) offended. "Quite artificial I thought, and souped up, because even if you do or don't like the people, what I say is pretty mild."

For Sir Kingsley the last decade has been pretty good. When he turned 60 he was in a bad way. Laid up with his leg in plaster, having managed to break it while standing up. He had gone on the wagon, and got very fat on Cadbury's Dairy Milk. He had to rewrite his novel, Difficulties with Girls. His second marriage was over, his friend Philip Larkin lately dead. He lived in an urban-hellish rat-run in Kentish Town. He got depressed in the afternoons, and went to a shrink for help, as he tells in one of the more self-revelatory bits of memoir. "I should potter about, he said, administer things. I said I had nothing to potter about with or administer. Had I any interest in the theatre? None whatsoever, I had not been for ten years. Might I go to the cinema? On my own? To see what?"

ow he is revived, rejuvenated. He won the Booker (1986), has been knighted, published four novels — one this week — and had four televised. But don't say you found The Old Devils better or easier to follow on television — "Of course, any book is harder work than watching TV."

Things start well. I have found him congenial company ever since he was a lad of 51 and 1 took him on a hilarious excursion back to Norbury in south London, the undistinguished suburb of his childhood, and we lunched in a pub. Today, we peruse a grand menu that begins "Warm individual Tomato ..." and he gives his odd silent laugh about the vegetable having a friendly outgoing personality. Within minutes he is mimicking people: Lord Longford, John Mortimer ...

But as lunch proceeds he seems wilfully to mis-hear or misunderstand me. "The comparison which you yourself draw ..." "Draw? I can't draw a bloody face." I mention a young writer I find funny (silly me) who "writes off the top of his head, in his garret ... "What? I've never seen him in there." "Where?" "In the Garrick. I hope we never get him in there. But you never know these days."

"But these jokes against you . . . " "Jokes? Oh. that's what they are. You could have fooled me." Uh-oh. The Amis interview taking over ... "I don't know why we got on to him. He doesn't interest me." Who does, then? "No journalists, certainly. Lazier and lazier. Come to the interview with the thing already written. They just don't bother to check the stories. Too bloody lazy to pick up the phone and say was it

1979? Or 1942?" But he sold his soul years ago by agreeing to his first interview: Dan Farson - that odd episode when Farson brought Lucian Freud to

Seventy next week, the old growler is cantankerous —

but he does not know the meaning

> of the word curmudgeon

THE **VALERIE** GROVE



he could never be the Graham Greene-like mystery author, the reclusive Ted Hughes. The press have always had Amis on tap, promiscuous with his Sandersonised drawing room and dial-aquote responses. Only last weekend he was in the Observer telling us which way he was going to vote: "I shall vote Conservative. Of course I shall." Never mind that he is dogged by his declaration, in a 1956 pamphlet, about always voting Labour, "no matter how depraved the candidate or how virtuous his opponent". "Did you see, the only people

voting Tory were Auberon Waugh, me and Jackie Mann? All the other idiots [only he didn't say idiots] . . . " and out poured his mistrust about Kinnock (a loser) and his Europhobia ("those bastards in France and Germany"). Even John Smith, whom he once saw in the Garrick bar, was "too small" to take But hell, it's his birthday. How

does life look, from Primrose Hill? What does he see when he goes abroad? (I mean out and about, but he takes it literally.) "I don't go abroad. Haven't been abroad for 12 years. I only go to South Wales, which is like going abroad without leaving England. But I'm not on the lookout for things people are worried about. I've got me own life to lead and I get on with it."

He works in the mornings at the old Adler, groaning periodically and sneezing so loudly that people in the street stop in their tracks. He goes out to lunch, never dinner ("Never did like dinner parties. treacherous things. Like most men i don't really like conversing with strangers. It's women who like dinners, and theatre, and opera,

and going on holiday."). Oh, women. The ones who get words wrong. Half the wives he knows, he says, are Mrs Mala-props, saying "courgettes" for "couchettes", and getting clichés wrong. "Hilly [his first wife] does it all the time: 'I think I'm going off my top.' 'If you can manage that, Adrian, the world's your lobster." 'When you went down to Wales for your ignaurial."

Isolated in his eyrie, he keeps working: he wouldn't know what else to do. Three long short stories are under way. "It's occupational therapy. Everybody, unless they've been dukes, knows work is necessary to life. I've got a dread of taking it easy. I saw what happened to my father: bored out of his mind. poor thing."

He describes his father's deadening retirement after a lifetime clerking for Colman's Mustard: the bus into Swansea, The Daily Telegraph over coffee, the glass of light ale in the pub, the afternoon snooze, dinner. "In the end, he went back to London and took a humble job flogging industrial

Old women do not have this problem: only the half of the human race that does not have to do its own washing, cooking or cleaning. Then as now, it was the delightful Hilly, the mother of his children, who did all that his famous domestic arrangements today are that he shares his house with her and her genial second husband, the Earl of Kilmarnock.

I express surprise that he has

resorted, several times, to going to shrinks. In that case I must be unfamiliar with his novels, he says. Well, I say, I thought all the psychiatric bits (for instance, in Stanley and the Women and Take A Girl Like You) were second-hand. "One's always writing at second-hand." "I'd have thought that even in your deepest depths, you'd be the kind who'd say, it's up to me to pull myself out of this." "Well I would, but at the same time - I need not explain myself to you — if they can help you, let's try it, why not? That would only be surprising to anyone who has never penetrated the persona. It doesn't fit in with all the

tripwire. A girl had said to his son Martin (he affects a silly girlish whine): "I've met your father, and he's rather nice. He's not angry, he's not irritable, he's just a curmudgeon.' Whatever she thought that was."

A curmudgeon, I say, is a mean old skinflint. "I've never heard

that," he dips back. "I'm sure you're wrong. It means a cantankerous person: irritable, crusty etc. Nothing to do with meanness with money. No dictionary gives any hint that it means that."

Well, really! I went straight to the Shorter Oxford when I got home "Curmudgeon: an avaricious churlish fellow; a miser; a niggard ... hence curmudgeonly: miserly, niggardly, churlish." I read this to him on the phone but he remains obdurate: "I know you're wrong,"

The memoirs have brought him more appreciative letters from the public than any other book. Which very nice, but it annoys him to think people prefer reading about real life: "It negates art." Well, all right. 1, who (like his friend Peter Quennell) would rather read any ography than almost all new fiction, prefer to read Amis on education, on Chesterton, on Milton, Kipling, or jazz, or any of his sod-the-public diatribes than his new novel about the grey academic and the Russian poetess (The Russian Girl, reviewed warmly by our literary editor). It has a monstrous character. Cordelia, one of those women Amis endows with Vug of, uzzhaul". Male critics may



You can say what you like, as long as you don't have me going purple with rage": Sir Kingsley Amis in typically benevolent mood

Meanwhile I return happily to his memoirs, knowing that he has said, apropos Anthony Burgess "Autobiographies are not really serious in the way novels are." But anecdote — by which he tries not to reveal himself, but does, is a brilliant art form in itself. I love the story of his going to see Walter Lippmann with his hempen homespun Uncle Virg in tow, when Uncle Virg asked Lippmann what he thought of "Shanghai Shek"

fall off their bar-stools at such

rather as one might have said Texas Dan. He used to do an imitation of the porcine elder Waugh in Pinfold mode: now he looks like that arryway. But inside him is the once stim, handsome young blade with the sensuous mouth and thick floppy hair who wrote poetry. He still feels that writing novels is "a good second best" to poetry, so here are some lines from his A Bookshop Idyll exched in my memory:

Man's love is of man's life a thing apart: Girls aren't like that. We men have got love well

Can get by without it. Women don't seem to think that's good enough: They write about it. And the awful way their poems

Just doesn't strike them. Women are really much nicer than men:

No wonder we like them. He'd have made a good Poet Laureate: monarchist, lover of Thatcher (who told him, in a dream, "You have such an interesting face"), polemicist. His views on education, aired by Beesley in Lucky Jim and solidified into "More will mean worse" in 1960 when "the university is already taking almost everyone who can read and write", are still valid: one is on safe ground with him discuss-

ing ignorance.

Children — anyone under 40 don't know anything. I don't mean just the Fifth Symphony, or *Ham-*let. They don't know 'Here We Go

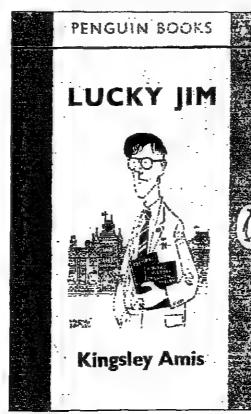
Gathering Nuts in May." He, by contrast, is a repository of what is worthwhile in literature and light verse. "A dread of not having anything to say, but needing to go on saying it" afflicts him, but need not. Death has taken all but four of his best friends (and his white cat Sarah). In Larkin's last letter to Amis, he sent love to Hilly, "the most beautiful woman I've ever seen without being at all beautiful, if you know what I mean. I think she does."

Sir Kingsley ends his memoirs with a poem "To H", "whose eye I could have met forever then" ... and how he "set about looking further and lost the thing most precious to him.

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WEEKEND TIMES tomorrow Rebirth of a river





Swansea with him. From then on A handsome young blade: Kingsley Amis in 1958 and (right) Lucky Jim, which brought him fame



comeoneme ruity wax s back at the Globe with her punishing attack on middle-dass customs. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5065), Jonight, nne Ruby Wax is back at the

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Daniel Barenboth brings the orchestra to London for the hist time as its music firector in two concerts which open the London International Orchestral Season The programme of the first concert is conservative — Beethoven's Leonore No.3. Mozart's Plano Concerto K433 (with Barenborn as solvet) and Strauss's Ein Heldenleben. In the second, however, pieces by Ravel are complemented by John Congliano's highly effective and personal response. to the Aids cross, his first Symphony. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE 1 (071-928 8900), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ERMITONE: Mark Elder conducts The Orchestra of the Age of Enhightenmen in a performance of Rosskii's Emicine, the powerful and unjustly neglected work based on Racine's tragedy Andromaque. The singers are Anna Caterina Antonaco, Gloria Scalchi, Keith Lewis and Bruce Ford. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank,

STARS FROM THE BOLSHOI BALLET: STARS FROM THE BOLSHO! BALLET:
Bolsho ballenna Natalya Bessmermona i
leading a company of 30 dancers on an
extensive Brissh lour beginning in
Dartford and visting 27 venues until
July Under the direction of Bolshol
director Yun Gingortwich, the group
performs the second act of Giselle
presented with a selection of
directostement. divertissements.

Orchard Theatre, Home Gardens,
Dartford (0322, 343333), Sun, 7,45pm.

□ BACK UP THE HEARSE AND LET THEM SNIFF THE RLOWERS: The art of the salesman. Wilham Gammara's comedy points out the tricks but simplifies deeper issues. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, Avenue Road, NW3 U71-722 9301\(\) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mms.

[] THE COTTON CLUB: An impression

of the Harlem rightspot high on energy, low on story heshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (07): 836 6-941, Mon-Fn, 7,30pm, Sar, 8pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sar, 4pm

BE DEATH AND THE MADDER JUNE Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superbin Anel Dorfman's Chilean political drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Jane, Waz 2071-936 51229, Mart-Sat, Spr., mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins

LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a frustrated women Tableses of a noncorn manner manner manner to a soccer mat.

Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Frl, Sat, 6pm and 8 45pm 130mms

Ti PROM A LACK TO A KING: Withy and stylich version of Macbeth's climb to the rop, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Suries songs.

Boulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Suries, Will (071-437 2661 after 2pm).

Mon-Sat, 8:15pm, Fin late show, 10.30pm, mat Sat, 8pm, 90mms.

I GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Riffues and Sacties pop classes. Genet stuff. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839-4601) Mon-Thurs. Bpm, Fn, Sat, 5-30pm and 8,30pm 135mms

SE) HEARTENEAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's brackes, State-of-England drama. Theorem Royal, Haymarket, SWI (071-

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A dally guide to arts

and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

WEEKEND EVENTS

JOHN MELLENCAMP: Last seen here in 1988, American rocker Mellencamp plays two British dates. NEC, Britingham (021-780 4133), NEC, Britangham (021-780 4133), tonight, 7-30pm. Wernbley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-011 1234), tomorrow, 7-30pm.

THE HIGHWAYMEN: The cream o country comes to town as Johnny Cash teams up with Waylon Jemmos. Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson. Dates in Berningham, Sheffield, Dublin and

MARK SPRINGER/SARAH SARHANDE This plann and viola duo onginally came together for officeat improvisational bands such as Rip Rig & Panic and Roat Up CP. More than a decade later, they now provide a me mature, almost classical sound. cell Room, South Bank, London JUAN MARTIN AND THE DUENDE FLAMENCO DANCE COMPANY: A company of ten flamenco dancers and dances and songs of the tradition. Barbican, SrB Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, 7.45pm THE ROYAL BALLET: COMMIT GARGON'S

resident company continues its performances in Birmingham with a imple bill of Ashton's cool Monotones MacMillan's Chel hov ballet Winter

Dreams and Balanchine's glorious Bize ballet Symphony in C. Hippodrome, Hurst Street Birmingham (021-622 7486), tonight. tomorrow, 7.30pm.

DEL HANGMENDHOT PAYOR SELECT LES CONTES D'HOFFMARIEL Last performance this season of John Schlesinger's production of the Officibach opera, staged for the Royal Opera by Richard Gregoon, Neil Shooff sings Hoffmann; Jeffrey Tate conducts. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WCZ (071-240 1066), temporary Zhen.

ORFEO: English National Opera gives the last performance this season of David Preeman's admired production of the Monteverdi opera. Anthony Rolle Johnson takes the title role; Harry Bicket conducts. Collseum, St Marlin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.30pm.

FITH NATIONAL STUDENT GRAMA RESTRIAL: The one-week lestwal brings ten premieres of new works including the british premiere of Caryl Churchill's Not Not Not Not Brough Oxygen, a first NSDF production of Gilbert & Suffixan together with the better known Accidental Death of an Anarchist by Fo, and Miler's The Cruchble. A strong programme of daily workshops will be led by actress Fiona Shaw and director Phylicia Loyd. Phylicia Lloyd. The Spa, South Bay, Scarborouggh (0723 365068).

THE LITTLE TRAMP: A new musical about the life of Charlie Chaplin by the American composer David Pomeranz opens in Basingstoke and is expected to reach the West End by June. The relevision presenter Peter Duncan plays the classic comic.

Haymanket, Wote Street, Basingstoke (0256 465566), tonight, tomorrow, 7 45pm.

Road, NW1 (071-267 0457). Tues-Sun. Rom. 120mins THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available L. Seats at all prices

III THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Nigel Hawthome is very fine as the stricker king in Alan Bennett's Introductions of the page the control of the contro

Z MOBY DICK: A gets' school puts on a funci-racing show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Capitain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Set, 8pm, mais Tues, Sat, 4pm, 135mins.

THE POOTET DIMANE RUNAN La une exacter tomcAME Foulch burlesque of 4 Midsummer Night's Dream, with Mike McCrisine and Sands Toksvig, Dedicated fairs only. Albery, St Mornin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Tues-San, 7 45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mms. C) SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewarm. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-739 8951), Mon-Set, 7 45pm, mats Thurs. Set. 3pm. 165mins.

1) STAND BEFORE YOU NAKED: Ten monologues for women by Jayoe Carol Gates: dry, come, tragic, recounting the penis of sexual harassment and degin. Offstage Downstains, 37 Chair. Filtm

DISTRAGNT AND NARROW:
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Carmel McSharry in Reable cornesty
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Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road,
WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, Bpm,
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, Spm. 130mins.

UnicLE VANYAL im McFeller end Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Mathias production that is subtle, balanced and tense with gnet. National (Cottesion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorro 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

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(071-326 3520). the early years of this century, plus Finzi's Cello Concerto of 1955, his last major work. Finished a year before Finzi's death, it is the largest in scale of his works and reveals aspects of his musical personality seldom otherwise encountered: an uncommon vigour, a sense of chill foreboding in harmonic dissonance, THEATRE

Fraternising with the enemy

Reflected Glory Vaudeville

WHEN Tennessee Williams's mother first saw his Glass Menagerie, she reportedly jumped "like a horse eating briars", so unnervingly similar to her own were the main character's mannerisms. The protagonist of Ronald Harwood's enjoyable Reflected Glory goes further. His reaction to the discovery that he leatures in a play written by his brother is to roll the briars round his mouth, spit them out, emit a series of enraged whinnies, and charge balefully about the paddock, having first seated a lawyer in the saddle. It is a case not of publish and be damned, but perform and I'll sue.

The situation is set up with great brio. His colleagues are throwing a party for the dramatist Michael Manx. only to see it crashed by his brother Alfred (Albert Finney), estranged from him since trying and failing to suppress a play based on their parents. The aggrieved sibling, now a restaurateur, passes the time before the guest of honour arrives heavyhandedly congratulating touchy thespians on their television advertising work and angrily denouncing his brother. But when Stephen Moore's Michael ambles in. the warring words stop and the hugs and tears start.

Finney, a lumbering bull let loose among the theatrical demi-tasses. plays this superbly. He is canny and insensitive, menacing and genial, and, without patronising the character's Man-cunian bluntness, very funny indeed. Michael then informs Alfred that his next play is about their boyhood and Alfred reactivates a solicitor who conveniently, if improbably, is both married to Michael's agent and a guest at the party.



Not irreconcilable: the brothers Michael (Stephen Moore) and Alfred (Albert Finney) in Reflected Glory

A lot of discussion about the morality of creative parasitism ensues. Moore's Michael, exuding ravelled self-absorption, makes some unexceptionable points about the writer's need to explore his formative experiences. Since the party occurs in a fringe theatre where a one-man play about Van Gogh is being staged thence the sunflowers and squiggles of Saul Radomsky's set much is also made of the subjectivity of art. But to Alfred this is a poncy attempt to justify an invasion of his privacy. Is it possible to reconcile his philistinism and his brother's pen? That is the question Harwood asks,

(of all things) Khachaturian's "Sabre

Dance", has the best choreography or

at least makes it look so. Nancy

Colahan briskly dispatches all her

partners with a rose; Baryshnikov's moody solo and bittersweet duet with

Kate Johnson are done with the

cynical, world-weary charm he once

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numbers in his Twyla Tharp

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Baryshnikov has had tough luck

and he answers it even more ambiguously than he may realise. He certainly wants us to take into account the brothers' old, unresolved jealousies. Each may now be taking revenge on the other. But the explanations of their rivalry are also embodied in Michael's play, which Alfred has agreed privately to view before slapping any injunction on it; and it is obvious that Brother Mine, as it is called, could never be the success everybody assumes. Alfred should surely be threatening to ban something worth banning. The great masterpiece about his and Michael's growing pains is the kind of pretentious memory-play any critic would take pleasure in disembowelling.

is that really the intention of Harwood and his director, Elijah Moshinsky? Earlier on, they have mocked the affectations of an acting profession amusingly represented by Nicky Henson and Mark Tandy. Here both play and production teeter uneasily between satire and seriousness. Still, a little loss of intellectual credibility does not seem too high a price to pay for what all cavils aside is a pretty civilised entertainment.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

repertoire.

Popular but not pleasing

White Oak Project Sadler's Wells

THE second London programme of Baryshnikov's White Oak Project lies at the popular entertainment end of the modern dance spectrum. The two new works are both light-hearted extravaganzas, and the short works carried forward avoid the more severe aspects of the opening night. Nothing wrong with that, but neither of the new pieces has much to say for itself and both replace the company's excellent musicians with recordings.

Lar Lubovitch's Walting for the Sunrise, by being a series of episodes mainly to old popular songs, invites comparison with Paul Taylor's Company B. But it lacks the undertones of Taylor's piece, and the choreographic subtleties too. Not even the musical arrangements are very attractive.

Luckily these dancers have the skill and experience to make the most of feeble material. Rob Besserer, in jokey treatments of "Tennessee Waitz" and

VERNON HANDLEY's enthusiasm

for neglected English music helped

build a programme with the Royal

Philharmonic Orchestra that also pro-

voked fresh thoughts about some

Three of the four works were from

received opinions.

among existing pieces. David Gordon's Punch and Judy (not yet seen in London) was boosed in Paris for its feeble repetitive jokes. Paul Taylor's Oz proves even worse: a mess of whimsy from a normally bankable choreographer. Not the story of the film, it introduces different

characters presumably from the same author's works. Moments of invention, such as John Gardner's upside-down heel-to-heel cabrioles while cartwheel ing across the stage, occasionally relieve the uninspired dance routines. Marianne Moore's scarf dance (under, not over the rainbow) is the best thing in it: Valda Setterfield's yackety maidservant is the most embarrassing.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ROCK

Back to no future

Spirit of 77 Astoria

PART of punk rock's raison d'être was its rejection of nostalgia. Spirit of '77, a package show resurrecting five original punk bands, would have been unimaginable in 1977. But times change and circumstance sometimes forces a punk to do what a punk's gotta

There was a distinct lack of irony to

the proceedings. Crumbling leather jackets had been specially furnigated and Mohican hair-dos treated to a touch-up. Thirtysomething fans pogoed as vigorously as they were able.
Kicking off were the venerable Cheisea, still led by Gene October. author of the first agitpunk single, "Right To Work". The intervening decades have not made their rackety rock any easier on the ear. October seemed pleased to be facing a crowd

once more, though. The Vibrators at least possessed a classic rock 'n' roll sensibility. Their style, incorporating pop and some blues, was relatively sophisticated. It was typified by their old hit, "Baby. Baby", which would not sound out of place on today's Radio One. To have the Lurkers in the line-up

was stretching the point. They peaked

in 1979, long after most of the first punks had handed in their safety-pins. The singer announced that they are about to undertake a summer residency at Somerwestworld. Quite how holidaymakers will react to having their dinners spoiled by the Lurkers' grubby heavy metal is hard to imagine. By far the most decrepit act was the UK Subs. Fifteen years ago they were no oil paintings and they are less savoury now. Coincidentally (or not).

their bleak rock inspired the evening's wildest pogoing.
Nick Cash, of the headliners 900, remarked that "punk rock" is unquestionably "the best music ever". If one dared take issue, several beefy, tattooed Mohicans in the crowd were only too

happy to set one straight. Punk is currently enjoying an inexplicable revival and more gigs like this are planned. If only the groups had observed their original self-destruct-by dates.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

CONCERT

Unfamiliar landscapes

RPO/Handley Barbican

and yet an almost carefree jauntiness in the finale.

Raphael Wallfisch had committed the solo part to memory as if it were familiar repertory. He brought a warm lyrical fulfilment to the romantic slow

movement and elsewhere showed a passionate, articulate concern to maximise the music's poetry and minimise an element of awkwardness.

The orchestra gave the soloist reli-able support, complementing forthright instrumental detail in two shorter works. One was Bantock's comedy overture, The Pierrot of the Minute, a delicately scored fantasy that began

STRAIGHT

AND NARROW

like another apprentice sorcerer but turned engagingly whimsical. More subtlety of colouring was needed to express the aching desire of Delius's The Walk to the Paradise Garden.

So to Vaughan Williams and A London Symphony, given an unusually tragic dimension in this performance. Not for Handley the pating of golden nostalgia over the music's tone-pictures. He touched a rawness of nerve in the underlying rhythmic pulse that made this journey down music's memory lane anything but complacent.

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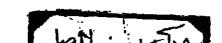
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oon after the advent of the

20th century, artists with

widely differing viewpoints

became obsessed by their

produced. Some, like the

architectural surroundings. Since most of them lived in cities, the

urban scene dominated the work

Italian Futurists, saw the metropo-

lis as a powerhouse and lauded its

energy. Others, such as Mondrian,

reduced the structure of buildings

to the same austere, disciplined

geometry as the language in their

artists regarded architecture in a positive light. Think of de Chirico, whose eerily deserted piazzas are suffused with melancholy and frus-

tration. Or Ludwig Meidner, ap-

palled yet fascinated by an

Expressionist vision of the modern

city shuddering under the impact

of seismic spasms. But what unites

these disparate painters is the intensity of their involvement, fired

by a belief that the built environ-

ment deserved to play a central role

in their challenging art.
Judging by the Serpentine Gal-

lery's international exhibition.

which brings together 11 contem-

porary artists who employ architec-

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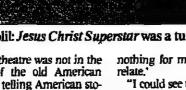
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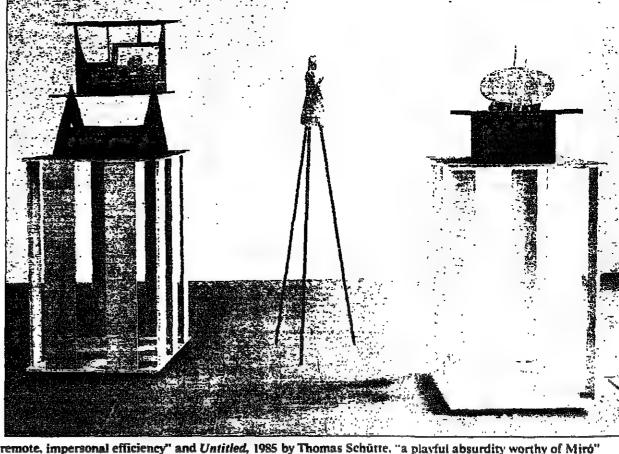


"I could see there was some-

Claude-Michel was coming "Suddenly it was not the typical American musical with a dance routine in the middle. and with an American setting,

Manchester."

Copenhagen, Prague and Madrid will be seeing the and the film version is already



Untitled, 1989 (left) by Matt Mullican, an alienating vista, implying that "architecture organises society with remote, impersonal efficiency" and Untitled, 1985 by Thomas Schütte, "a playful absurdity worthy of Miró"

Building on speculation

GALLERIES: LONDON

Richard Cork reviews a show by 11 artists whose work

both employs and implies references to architecture

emphasis are, however, evident at

No paintings can be found in a show devoted to sculpture, installation and photography. Nor do many of the participants depict urban surroundings as directly as their predecessors. Images of facades are hard to find, and in their place a more oblique, fragmented approach plays with our expecta-

tions at every turn. Take the Iranian-born Siah Armajani, whose elaborate construction provides the show with its intriguing title: Like nothing else in Tennessee. The words come at the end of Wallace Stevens's poem Anecdote of the Jar, incorporated in the Armalani sculpture as blocks of type ready for the printing press.

The poem describes how Stevens, having placed a jar on a Tennessee hill, realised that the tall, round object tamed the encircling wilderness and "took dominion everywhere". But Armaiani makes no attempt to illustrate its commanding presence in the rest of his sculpture. He builds an abstract cluster of wood, aluminium and stained-glass forms above, and they

mirrored complexity of glass office buildings indicate that Graham's starting point probably rests in urban experience after all.

att Mullican, who displays large-format colour transparencies, "duratrans". in light boxes inside the gallery, focuses unequivocally on the city. Deploying garish computer-generated colour, which may owe some thing to the brilliant light of his native California, he presents a disturbingly uninhabited world of multi-storey blocks, empty boulevards and even a domed, temple-

like edifice in pillar-box red. Despite their functional appear ance, Mullican's alienating vistas do not refer to real places. They were never meant to be built and

imply instead that architecture organises society with remote, impersonal efficiency.

There is no room, in such a spotless but desiccated locale, for the people who might give it life. They are banished as firmly as in Julian Opie's nearby painted wood structure, which seems at first to encourage exploration of its mazelike passages. White on the outside and coloured within, this coolly perverse work ends up rebuffing investigation altogether. The passages, too narrow to be walked through, finally promote a painful awareness of exclusion.

Humanity no longer has a role to play in this clinical setting and a related sense of vacancy runs through an elaborate contribution by Langlands and Bell. The sources they rely on for *Ivrea*, where ten

on election night

V than to watch an

animated paper figure being

ilicked, streiched, squeezer

smudged and otherwise ab-

used by a vindictive live-action

hand? This was Manipu-lation, by Daniel Greaves, one

of three British animated films

bunched together in Treble

Top (BBC2), a programme half-buried beneath repeats,

comedy spots, rabbiting pun-

dits and politicians, and the

mighty neon swingometer.
Their tenuous link was that

they had all been blessed by

nominations or awards: Greaves's delicious jest, made

for Tandem Films, won this

year's Oscar for the best animated short. This was not the

film to take British animation

across new frontiers: by featur-

ing interplay between an ani-

mated figure and its live-

action creator, Greaves harked

back to the Twenties and Max

Fleischer's "Out of the Ink-

well" series, where Koko the

Clown emerged from an ink

immaculate models of architectural plans are joined in a white-lacquered frieze, could hardly be more diverse. Olivetti's headquarters hovers above a welfare centre, while a machine tool factory hangs alongside multiple family houses for workers. Whatever their function, and

differences in layout, the delicately constructed wood reliefs all end up as testaments to social control. Even a combined community hall and restaurant looks unserding, divorced from the needs of the people for whom it was designed. At last, a solitary figure is

discernible in the centre of Thomas Schütte's enigmatic contribution. But this strange, gaunt presence, precariously balanced on a tripod and swathed in rudimentary fabric, remains divorced from the two flanking parts of the sculpture.

Here, packing-case structures act as plinths for painted models reminiscent of stage-sets. Ladders lead nowhere while a colossal red fruit presides over a landscape, as Schütte conjures up his own universe with a playful absurdity worthy of Miro.

The entire ensemble seems fragile and could easily be broken by a couple of blows from the real axe lodged so aggressively in the rough planks of Ludger Gerdes's exhibit. By contrusting his axe with a flimsy little building on the other side of the work, Gerdes appears to be commenting that architecture relies on the decimation of natural resources. But his intentions remain obscure and I much preferred the deceptively plain-spoken contributions of Gerdes's fellow country-

man, Jürgen Albrecht. From the outside, his three thin, horizontal wall-pieces could hardly look duller. In grey cardboard, they resemble dour resumés of minimalist concerns. All this uncompromising restraint, however, acts as a foil for the quiet revelations inside each of Albrecht's pieces.

They open at one end, letting visitors peer inside. Subtly placed incisions in the cardboard allow bars of soft, paper-filtered light to irradiate these otherwise dark corridors. The effect is astonishingly seductive, re-enacting with the simplest of means the profound gratifi-cation which real architectural interiors can provide.

• Like nothing else in Tennessee continues at the Scrpentine Gallery, Ken-sington Gardens, London W2 (071-402 6075), daily 10am-6pm, until April 20.

THEATRE

And next week, Manchester

The door bursts open and Alain Boublil hurlyricist half of a team that created the tles in, hot foot from Paris where he has been taking another look at the French production of Les Afisérables, theatrical phenomenon of our time. Since 1985 this operatic pageant of life and death on the barricades, for which he wrote the book and original French lyrics, and Claude-Michel Schonberg the music, has

swept round the world. Productions have been mounted in umpteen countries, and triumphed everywhere except in Sweden. Is it 20 productions? Thirty? If not yet 30, it eventually will be, as Boublil and his partners, with Cameron Mackintosh the guiding force, tick off the cities yet to be visited by the wideeyed waif gazing out from a tricolour. Next week it is the turn of Manchester, where a production that already carries £4 million in advance bookings opens at the Palace Theatre. At the Palace Theatre in London the show still plays

to capacity in its seventh year. The hub of this worldwide enterprise is Mackintosh's offices in Bloomsbury. Boublil closes the front door, nods to the women at the desk and leads the way to a room on the top floor. He speaks rapidly, with a precise, elegantly inflected accent that might have made him a recording star in the days when a French accent was the royal route to an Englishwoman's heart. On the walls hang colour prints of mobs wielding sticks which. he quickly points out, illustrate the French Revolution that everyone knows about, whereas the revolution Victor Hugo brought into his novel Les Mis

is the one of 1830. However, that better-known revulution was the subject of the first musical Boublil and Schonberg wrote together. "I was in New York and I saw Jesus Christ Superstar, which suddenly showed me that the **Jeremy Kingston** meets Alain Boublil, the

musicals Miss Saigon and Les Misérables, whose success is now almost worldwide



Boublil: Jesus Christ Superstar was a turning point

musical theatre was not in the hands of the old American geniuses telling American stories. The shows I was seeing -'they are wonderful,' I was saying to myself, but there is

nothing for me there. I don't

thing different in Jesus Christ Superstar. The people behind that show had opera, classical and pop roots. The way the music was written and the way the lyrics were written was coming from a world that was the same as the world I was coming from, and the world

and with a jazzy score. It was not something that only the Americans could do. This was the message ! received that night. There could be a European musical. So I walked the New York streets and found the idea of the French Revolution. I talked to Claude-Michel and that's how we started to write our first musical."

suggest doors, windows or shutters

A similar leaning towards coun-

try rather than town might seem to

lie behind Dan Graham's exhibit.

Placed on the lawn outside the

gallery, it juxtaposes steel-framed

sheets of glass with neat rows of

blue Lawson cypress trees. Their foliage provides shelter for anyone

sitting on the bench in the centre,

but this air of rural screnity is

disrupted by the perceptual confu-

sion which Graham generates in

Two-way mirrors offer arresting

reflections even as they supply

indistinct evidence of other visitors

and the parkland behind. A contin-

ually teasing labyrinth is created

here, and its connections with the

rather than the "grey and bare" container perched on Stevens'

eminence.

the glass.

A production of the show at the Palais des Sports, Paris, in 1973 was followed by the first version of Les Misérables, and three years later a friend played the recording of that show to Cameron Mackintosh, despite his protest that a French musical was a contradiction in terms.

fter 20 minutes of the record he was convinced of the musical's theatricality. Then began the discussions that led to the creation of the second version with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican, directed by Trevor Nunn and John Caird.

"Les Misérables took ten vears to become its London version and it is still growing. Herbert Kretzmer, who has written the English lyrics, says that they are one-third a translation of my French lyrics, one-third a loose adaptation, where he is following the emotion, and the third third is what we can call a new

creation. "Songs such as "Stars" and Valjean's "Bring him Home" did not exist in the first French version and were directly written in English. So for the new French production, which is now in Paris, I have been altering my own first songs, translating Herbie's songs into French, and I have been changing and creating new things in a few scenes which are now" - and his voice becomes that of a conjurer bringing yet another rabbit from the hat — being trans-lated by Herbie back into English and will be in

An altered song for the young Eponine will not be included, but perhaps this will arrive later, as the Manchester changes are incorporated into the London production, or into productions elsewhere. show for the first time this year being prepared. Perhaps even Stockholm will be offered a

second chance. Les Misérables opens at the Palace Theatre, Manchester (061-236 9922) on Tuesday

TELEVISION REVIEW

Comic relief in triple measure

blob to scamper round Fleischer's studio.

Yet it was a genuine plea

sure to see an old-fashioned conceit resurrected with such excellent timing and verve. The soundtrack played a cru-cial role, from the squelches that accompanied the little man's games with some spilt red paint to a symphony of thuds, squishes and boings. At the end of the battle, the man clambered free of his manipulator's wastepaper basket and stood briefly on the edge with a "Howzat" smile: an uncertain finish, although unless you go for some Tom and Jerry brouhaha, ending cartoons has never been easy. Greaves, a bright new talent, has grasped early the virtues of simplicity. Not so Ken Lidster, whose clay animation Balloon - the recent winner of the Bafta award for best animated short - tied itself in knots chasing a contrived story with a fussy array of styles.

First came a pirouetting girl. with cute squiggles of yellow hair and an adored red balloon. Then up popped an evil, cackling black-and-white clown, who carried away her pride and joy to a land of Heath Robinson torture machines. The girl ventured in pursuit, became trapped and was rescued by - you guessed right, dear reader. Technically, Lidster has much to offer,

though he needs to stop showing off. A clean break from claustrophobic whimsy would help, too.

Peter Lord's Adam, a Batta nominee, gave us another barrage of soundtrack squeiches and another battle between creator and created. In place of the gloved hand in Manipulation came the live-action hand of God, plonking down a bewildered clay homo sapiens atop the earth's globe. Unlike its famous Aardman Animation stablemate Creature Comioris, no dialogue adorned this droll clay figure: in its place came over-insistent

music, poking us in the ears. Lord's pleasant fun and games reached an absurd antidimax when God scooped out some clay, fashioned a mate and set down not Eve but a blinking penguin. Adam's face fell, but he decided to make the best of things. On election night, what else can you do?

GEOFF BROWN

CLASSICAL MUSIC

There's no substitute for a party

he price on my ticket for the Philharmonia Orchestra concert last Monday read £35. The original justification for such a figure. Carlo Maria Giulini, was, unhappily, indisposed and Yevgeny Svetlanov was the substitute conductor.

Most at home in the Tchaikovksy which constituted the first half. Svetlanov nevertheless did nothing very remarkable with the Polonaise from Eugene Onegin, scarcely moving a muscle. Admittedly, there is nothing very remarkable you can do with the piece anyway, except to play it fast and crisp, which is, it seems. the way Svetlanov likes most

things. After this opener we were given Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2, "Little Russian". The same applied: a perfectly acceptable, brightly coloured, taut and generally brisk performance.

Svetlanov and Debussy, however, is a mixture to be relished like fish and chips and fine Burgundy. Both have their appeal, but not together. In the Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune one was forced quickly to understand that for Svetlanov Debussy cannot stand still and rely on its own atmosphere. For all the technically excellent playing on display (particularly from the principal flautist Kenneth Smith) and despite the innate richness of ensemble, the work seemed hurried, its colours clumsily blended, its phrases insufficiently languid for the hazy laze of a summer's afternoon to be conveyed convincingly by them.

And just the same over-urgency and inability to allow the music its proper context disfigured the mystery and majesty of La Mer. Climaxes. for instance that at the end of the first piece, "De l'aube à midi sur la mer". erupted with the excitement of a firework display, rather than with the natural power Debussy in-Conductor and music were

more at one the following

evening, when the London Sinfonietta's latest contribution to the 1911-1920 sector of Simon Rattle's "Towards the Millennium" series took the form of a party at which the pieces invited represented a wide cross-section of styles and intentions. Rattle himself was absent, by force of design rather than of fate, but Oliver Knussen staked his own claims of conducting excellence with a lively and lucid account of Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony to launch the evening. At the other end of the concert. Manuel de Falla's El amor brujo proved an equally friendly guest, with the mezzo Mary King relishing the chance to show off her dark, chesty Iberian manner



Oliver Knussen: he shone in the role of conductor

in the five songs which the ballet contains.

After the Prokofiev came the utter contrast of Webern's Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 10, whose ultra-refined concentration was not quite matched by Schoenberg's curiously reticent Herzgewächse, Op 20, which followed it. Perhaps the latter's instrumentation of celeste, harmonium and harp had something to do with its somewhat inert flavour, or perhaps it was the extreme demands of the soprano part (bravely tackled by Lucy Shelton), which reaches to a sustained, quiet high F at the end, Knussen played both works twice: in each case, oddly, the second performance lacked

the edge of the first. How to follow such intense, distilled music? The answer

again was with an antithesis. the atmospheric excess of Charles Ives's "Washington's Birthday", with its complex soundscape of sustained, weird string chords, its jew's harps, its tumbling, ghostly reminiscences of famous old tunes, its brash climaxes. And you could not hold such a party without asking that most versatile of guests. Stravinsky, so room was found for Shelton to sing elegantly with a small mixed chamber group the Three Japanese Lyncs of 1912 and the Two Poems of Balmont of 1911, music whose refinement was as far away from The Rite of Spring as you could get.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Bricks, bullets and Beirut

Parts of the city once known as "the Paris of the Middle East" are to be razed for redevelopment. Can the spirit of old Beirut survive? Adam Kelliher reports

remains of downtown Beirut meet the Mediterranean sits the planned site of the city's renaissance: a looming, smelly peninsula of garbage.
The outcrop along the sweeping

bay in which once rested one of the world's most elegant cities is expanded daily with contributions by municipal dump trucks. None of this inspires much attention at the adjacent St George's Motor Yacht Club, where the smart set strut, carouse and waterski.

"Half of us have money and half don't, and I am in the right half," said an affluent car salesman named Abed, as he langorously viewed nearby rag pickers from his sunbed. "Lebanon is the only country in the world where if you want to do anything, you can do it. Everything has a price tag."
In line with these principles, the

fragrant mountain of refuse is to be transformed into prime real estate. It will be the starting point of a grandiose civic vision to erase within a decade the physical results of the 16 year long civil war that Syria forced to an end in October 1990. The downtown area, a basin in the inner city that was once a hazardous domain for snipers and their targets, is being razed by bulldozers and dynamite, despite opposition by various groups to the reconstruction strategy.

A lot of imagination is needed to see the heart of Beirut re-acquiring its sobriquet, the Paris of the Middle East. The place is more akin to post second world war Dresden. The green line marking the sectarian divide between Muslim west and Christian east sliced straight through the inner city. Alternative wartime capitals arose on either side of the divide, but

contested heart of the city.

By every account, old Beirut was a magnificent city, of stone-arched alleyways and red-roofed mansions. Ottoman fountains and

grand civic buildings in the best French imperial style. The grandeur was largely the result of profitable European trade with Syria after France pledged to protect Lebanese Christians in 1861. More disastrous than the war's physical damage, was the loss of what Beirut's heart represented. The city was the grand melting pot of the Levant, where Druze, Maronite Christians, Shia Muslims, Armenians, anyone in fact, worked and lived and overcame tribal and religious rivalries.

Today, the two square mile swathe of destroyed inner city is caught in a strange time warp of 1975, with movie posters, advertisements and fixtures dating from the year the futile business began. Within the endless blocks of blasted boutiques, department stores, restaurants and offices are a labyrinth of firing positions from which rival gunmen blazed away at each other. Although entire high rise buildings have been chiselled away by ordnance, ornate ironwork and classic façades, can still be glimpsed. And the rubble still holds memorie

"You see over there," said Noor Mohammad, a taxi driver, gestur-ing to a blitzed alleyway, "that was the Kit Kat Club, where we used to dance. Down further was the red light district, where the sailors would go. You cannot imagine how beautiful it all once was."

The new vision of Beinut looks something like Docklands with palm trees. Under a plan forwarded by the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), and backed by a coterie of property developers, politicians and cronies of the Syrian-installed gov-ernment, the city will largely be buildozed into the sea on top of the rubbish dump. This man-made piece of seaside property would be shaped into an 800,000 square metre island and sold to the private sector. These funds would be used to pay the estimated US\$350 million required for new streets. water, power and communications.



War remains: the Martyrs Square statue for nationalists hanged by Ottoman rulers and (below) an artist's impression of plans for a palm-lined downtown Beirut

With this civic infrastructure in place, ensuing reconstruction will then be at the mercy of investor confidence. The CDR says US\$12 billion has been pledged by various property magnates. Instrumental is the involvement of Rafik Hariri, a Lebanese billionaire enriched by projects in Saudi Arabia, who wants to be known as the man who resurrected Beirut. His aides say Mr Hariri has spent US\$20 million in feasibility studies.

Should full-scale redevelopment commence, facilities will include a 40-storey world trade centre, a concert hall, a national library, a cultural palace, and a marina.

Officials say they wish to preserve some of old Beirut. The plan includes restoration of stable buildings of architectural merit, namely the old souks, the ornate façades of the old banking district, and impor-tantly, mosques and churches. Architectural styles have yet to be finalised, but the outcome will certainly be modernist.

The goal is highly ambitious for a city known more for random death. Everything could be suddenly un-stuck by the Middle East peace process unravelling; Christian, Palestinian or Hezbollah adventurism; or a power struggle in Syria if

Edde, the project director, is calling for prompt action before squatters take residence in inner city's ruins. Legions of homeless have overrun districts near the airport, preventlarge scale

"I can't accept the andtude of wait and see. We have to force our own destiny," says Mr Edde. a respected architect who has designed several large mod-

ernist buildings in Lebanon. "If people will not invest. Beirut will remain as it is."

That the ultimate conquerors of one of the world's most bitterly contested stretches of real estate are not ambitious warlords but rapacious property developers may be a fitting end to the war. But rebuilding is fraught with the same divisions that caused the fratricide. Many Christians hold property deeds for the devastated zone. Their

opposition to the CDR is near

diform, mostly because they con-

sider the council tainted by its linkage to the Syrians.

"The project will alter the sensitive demographic balance of the strategic downtown area that lies between east and west Beirut," warned Rima Tarabay, of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia.

Property owners will have to accept shares in a real estate company appropriating property to carry out the scheme. Compensation will be set by government evaluation committees, a move Mr Edde says is crucial if investors are

been easy. He thinks the plan will prove the intentions of Syria, which away by excessive presumably wants Beirut revived so tenancy rights. Lebanon can again start making One of the most vehement opponents is Yvonne. Lady Cochrane, the

by an air of decay. A

sweeping external

marble staircase is cracked and

chipped, patches on inside walls

show where oil paintings were once

displayed. Lady Cochrane, a poly-

glot of Italian descent, believes that

the CDR's plans are merely a way

to "speculate at our expense. The

whole country would theoretically

be owned by a company. Can you

imagine such a thing? There will be

a revolution when people realise

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Mr Edde counters that pleasing

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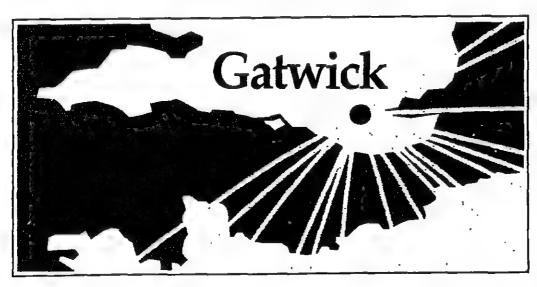
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Whatever the outcome, one civic fixture that will survive is the monument in Martyrs Square for nationalists hanged by Ottoman rulers during the first world war. Like everything else in downtown Beirut, the bronze statues have been punched through with bullets and shrapnel.

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Silvia Lucking desperate-by wanted her ashes scattered on the big wheel at Blackpool. "We had to do it when no one was looking because we knew we wouldn't get permission," says her daughter, Rachel, who with her sisters was determined to honour her mother's decision when she died. "We only scattered a few and at first we couldn't stop laughing but then the wind blew the ashes out over the sea and it was really very beautiful. I think it helped bring us all closer

together."
The Romans built mausole ums for them and the Hindus cast them onto the waters of the holy Ganges in Varanasi but in modern Britain finding somewhere to scatter the ashes of a loved one can still be

Some Sikhs in Yorkshire have decided they would like to scatter the ashes of their dead on the waters of the the River Wharfe at Wetherby, near Leeds. According to Prem Sangh Duggal of the Sikh Temple in Chapeltown, the river would make an ideal resting place. "At the moment we have nowhere special to us. We want to have a proper site so all our families can pay their last respects, with a jetty so that they can easily get to the middle of the water, and provisions for the relatives. I think it would be very beautiful to have one's ashes scattered on these tranquil waters," he says. Local residenis are less poetic. There is a picnic area near the site and some people are concerned about stray ashes, according to a spokesman for Leeds council. Others are worried about river pollution and some just find the whole idea macabre.

Three quarters of Britons now go up in smoke, but few of their relatives seem to know what to do with their remains. Cremation laws require that the disposal of remains is determined by the person who organises the cremarion. Most want to leave the ashes with the crematorium and they are then scattered or buried in a garden of remembrance or in a local cemetery. Only a few people have specific requests and then they need to get the consent of the landlord of the land on which they wish to scatter or the National River

Most people in Britain choose to be cremated but finding somewhere to

scatter the ashes can be tricky



Burning issues: traditional scattering of ashes on water

Authority if they wish to cast the ashes on a river, unless they are prepared to go out three miles to sea.

Football pitches, the winning posts at Aintree and Lords cricket ground (for those who are honorary life members) are popular spots. Jason Edwards's father was a keen fisherman and when he died his son scattered his ashes over the Thames in Oxfordshire. "He hadn't made any plans but it seemed appropriate to let him end his days with the fish," he says. He admits that many of his family disagreed. Susan Crosland, in her biography of her husband Tony Crosland, the former Labour foreign secretary, explains the

blowing and the boar was filling with water. "Each handful that I threw into the sea was returned by the gale", she wrote. Eventually she had to throw in the whole urn. David Adams believes that

people should not be deterred from scattering ashes and should not be too squeamish. He spent four years training to be registrar of the cemeteries and crematorium department for Southend borough council. "If scattered liberally, ashes are nutritious for the soil and are totally safe, all they are are calcinated bones," he says. They are also environmentally sound because they do not take up any room and return nutrients to the soil. The bodies go in at 1,000 degrees centigrade so I can guarantee the ashes are sterile and they

do not give off an odour."
About 2 per cent of Mr Adams's clients decide to scatter the ashes somewhere original. Mr Adams feels that people don't like to think about the remains while they are still grieving and many relatives decide only later that they might like to scatter the ashes somewhere else. By this time it is normally too late. After a month, many crematoria have planted the ashes in gardens of remembrance and a licence from the Home Office is needed to dig them up. If people do want to keep the ashes. Mr Adams will send

them in a sealed plastic case by recorded delivery. Janet Haddington, the chair of the National Association of Bereavement Services, feels that scattering the ashes has a therapeutic effect on the bereaved. "Many of the bereaved leave it up to the crematorium and are left disgruntled and unhappy," she says. "Then when they want to, they can't find the rosebush under which their deceased was buried or they are too embarrassed to ask. Those who take their ashes with them and scatter them in memorable places usually recover more quickly."

ne Asian woman, Ms Haddington knows. kept her husband's ashes for a year to comfort her and then took them to India and scattered them on the Ganges: another family took the ashes of their father, who had been a lorry driver, and scattered them on the Great North Road. "You have to make sure there is agreement on the place and it is not a good idea to keep the ashes at home for too long otherwise they can become like a shrine," Ms Haddington says. She would like her ashes scattered

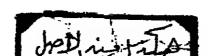
over the Yorkshire Dales. No one will ever outdo Queen Artemisia. When her husband Mausolus, a satrap of Caria in Asia Minor, died in 353 BC, she built a monument to house his ashes at Halicarnassus which was so splendid that it was regarded by the ancients as one of the seven wonders of the world. She was also said to have kept a few to sprinkle on her wine every evening as a tribute to

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Learning to become life savers

Ann Kent reports on a conference on cot death where parents and scientists met to discuss how best to avoid bereavement

wo very different groups of interested parties can be found at conferences on cot death: the bereaved parents and the scientists.

They mixed uneasily last weekend at the first national conference held by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID). A silence fell over the audience of 300 - half of them parents - as Dr Ruth Wigfield described the disastrous effects of advice given to mothers from the early 1970s onwards.

Dr Wigfield, a research fellow at the University of Bristol, explained that studies carried out at that time on ailing premature babies showed they found it easier to breathe if they were laid down to sleep in the prone position (on their fronts). It eased the breathing in a tiny minority of infants whose lungs and chests were underdeveloped. and made them less

likely to inhale vomit "It was felt that this actvice would benefit all babies, and as it was widely adopted more common in Britain, New Zealand and Sweden." Dr Wigfield said. She became involved in investigating the increase of Avon, where she based, had a

higher-than-average cot death rate. On questioning parents, the research team discovered an almost ninefold increased risk of cot death when the baby slept prone. As a result, Avon changed its advice on sleeping position in the late 1980s; cot death rates dropped from 3.5 per thousand in the late 1980s to 1.7 per thousand in 1991. "The change in sleeping position can almost completely account for the fall in deaths." Dr Wigfield said.

Researchers in Avon made a point of contacting bereaved parents involved in the study to warn them, in advance of publication in the medical journals, of their

The foundation started the carnpaign to reverse the advice that babies should sleep on their fronts last October. The health department started issuing the same message at the beginning of this year. Everyone attending the weekend conference must have already

But it was one thing to read about it and quite another to hear about it sitting in a room full of parents, all remembering the moment when they found their baby

Sudden infant death syndrome is diagnosis, but another way of saying 'we don't know'

> conference listened to the scientists' clinical descriptions of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) in an attempt to make sense of what had happened in their own families. The credibility of the scientists depended on finding the right theory - and there have been many wrong ones - to explain the annual UK death toll of 1,400 infants. SIDS is not a diagnosis, but merely another way of saying we don't know"

With cot death there are no signs every detail of their baby's last hours, and their childcare routines.

known about the appalling error. had died in its cot or pram. There was no emotional scene,

simply a chilly silence as the audience concentrated on what Dr Wigfield had to tell them. She told the meeting that she believed all lie them on their backs and continue to do so until they reached the point where they chose their own sleeping posture, at the age of five or six months. The side position, which some parents adopt as a compromise, is two or three times more dangerous than sleep-ing on the back, although less risky than the prone position.

goalposts, or Dr Wigfield's essentially accurate statement that "it is warding to see research working, and to have fewer babies dying". They were there to learn. Scientists and parents share a common aim in seeking to understand cot death. But very different. Parents at the

and symptoms and nothing much to be found from post-mortem tests on the baby. The scientists depend on the cooperation of recently bereaved parents willing to recall It was thanks to this assistance that the scientists have made a partial

People who are less emotionally involved than the parents attending the conference may wonder



Sleeping more safely? Babies on their backs are less likely to succumb to cot death, although body temperature and respiratory viruses are also possible causes

whether they should follow the new guidelines. But over the last few years the evidence about sleeping position has built up from a number of different studies. It makes sense in a way which the 1970s advice did not. The new advice is simply the old guidance, followed for centuries and still routine in parts of the world with lower cot death rates than our own, that babies sleep on their backs. Have the 19 years of research

funded by the FSID at a cost of £6 million simply taken us round in a circle? In fact, the conference heard that a number of other advances have been made in the struggle to whittle down the numbers of babies who succumb. But the work involved some fairly advanced physiological investigations, which

suggest causes rather than cures. Dr Stewart Petersen, for example, described how babies' night time sleeping temperatures switch from a newborn to an adult pattern at two to three months of age. Dr the University of Leicester, has found that late developers show a similar profile to cot death babies: they are more likely to be boys. bottle fed, with young, poorer mothers, and to sleep prone. (In fact three boys die of cot death for every two girls, breastfed babies also succumb, and while cot deaths are more common in the poores socio-economic groups, nearly half the cases come from social classes I, II and III and can be born to

mothers of any age.)
The complex links between body termerature and erratic breathing patterns were also explored although cause and effect cannot be proven. Everybody gasped when they heard how one baby girl managed to maintain a normal body temperature while sleeping in a room temperature of 27C wearing several layers of dothing, under an adult quilt folded four times. Many researchers feel that some vulnerable babies have less efficient temperature control mechanisms and that these babies are at increased risk of S1DS if they are overwrapped. Lying prone is thought to make it more difficult

nother research area considered promising by the scientists was respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), one of the commonest causes of lower respiratory tract infection in infants. Pathologists are now able to detect traces of the virus in post-mortem specimens and RSV is believed to have been implicated in some cot death cases. Research from Avon and North Somerset has shown, however, that viral infection does not appear to be a risk factor on its own. Cot death

rates increase when babies with signs of infection are also

Such information contributes to the understanding of the disease process and may be useful one day. For bereaved parents, it must have been of purely academic interest.

Joyce Epstein, the secretary general of FSID, was keen to stress that we had not reached the end of the cot death story. She wants to see the new advice scientifically assessed to see if it is being put into effect, and if it really does make a difference, The foundation's advice to parents. apart from placing babies on their back or side to sleep, is to make sure they do not get too hot, to stop smoking, to avoid taking babies into smoky atmospheres and to contact your doctor if you think the

Parents who attended the conference had considered and accepted the risk that unhappy memories would rise to the surface Nobody can be blamed for the fact that medical research is unable to account for a problem which has blighted the happiness of families for centuries. At least the problem is now discussed openly and no longer automatically attributed to overlaying (when a baby is accidentally suffocated while in bed with parents) or thought to be a sly form of infanticide.

A group of mothers, discussing their feelings between sessions agreed their grief had been most effectively relieved by having another baby. Not just to refill the empty cot, or to give them someone else to love, they said, but to restore their confidence as parents who could raise babies, just like their mothers, sisters and neighbours.

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Walk on — but calmly

GRAEME SOUNESS will probably be in hospital for eight to ten days after his triple bypass operation and then will spend three months recuperating in order to be able to join the Liverpool team when they restart training in July. How should he spend the next three months so that he may thereafter have the best chance of a long, healthy and fulfilling life?

Three hundred delegates met at a symposium arranged by the Harley Street Clinic in London last week to discuss rehabilitation after coronary thrombosis, or major heart surgery. There was universal agreement that a carefully planned return to full physical activities. and hence to a normal lifestyle, had great

psychological advantages for the patient.
Patients who had undergone a supervised rehabilitation course felt better, more confident, took pride in their achievements and were more likely to return to their previous work. It was generally accepted, too, that any rehabilitation programme needed to be carefully structured and should include arrange ments for the monitoring of the health of the patient throughout

The experts found it more difficult to agree as to whether a return to a vigorous lifestyle would necessarily reduce the risk of a recurrence of the heart problem and



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

therefore lead to a longer life. A cardiologist explained that although the rehabilitation course might ensure that the limb efficient, these changes were not always matched by similar improvements in heart function: indeed, the damaged heart might not always be able to cater for the increased demands made on it by a strong pair of legs as they pounded along the pavements. Ideally rehabilitation needs to be supervised and tailored for the individual patient, a service that could prove too expensive for the ordinary

coronary care unit.

The news that Mr Souness needed a bypass at the age of 38 as he had already had one undetected heart attack, and that he also had one coronary artery which was 90 per cent blocked and another 70 per cent, sent a shudder through any early

morning joggers who might have con-vinced themselves, and others, that the key to a clean coronary artery is regular violent physical exercise.

Mr Sources played first-class footbail from 1972 to 1990 and since he became manager of Liverpool has prided himself on keeping as fit as his team. He does an hour's hard physical training each day, and plays five a side football at least three times a week. He has watched his diet. doesn't smoke cigarettes and drinks in the strictest moderation. The Souness case illustrates that there is a limit to the problems that exercise alone can overcome. Mr Souness has inherited the wrong genes and there is little we can do about our ancestors; his uncle died of a coronary thrombosis at the age of 35 and

his father has also had a bypass.

Mr Souriess has a raised blood pressure but perhaps most important of all he has a type A, competitive personality. He admits to being fiercely competitive since the age of 11 and now every minute of the day is filled, he is ambitious and always plays to win. Rehabilitation for Mr Souness should not only include graduated physi-cal exercises, carefully monitored, but should also contain advice on how to become more of a type B personality. relaxed and easy going.

More than a speed trap

THE policeman lurking behind the shrubs on the lay-by with a radar gun may be sacrificing more than he thinks as he battles to stop motorists speeding — his testes

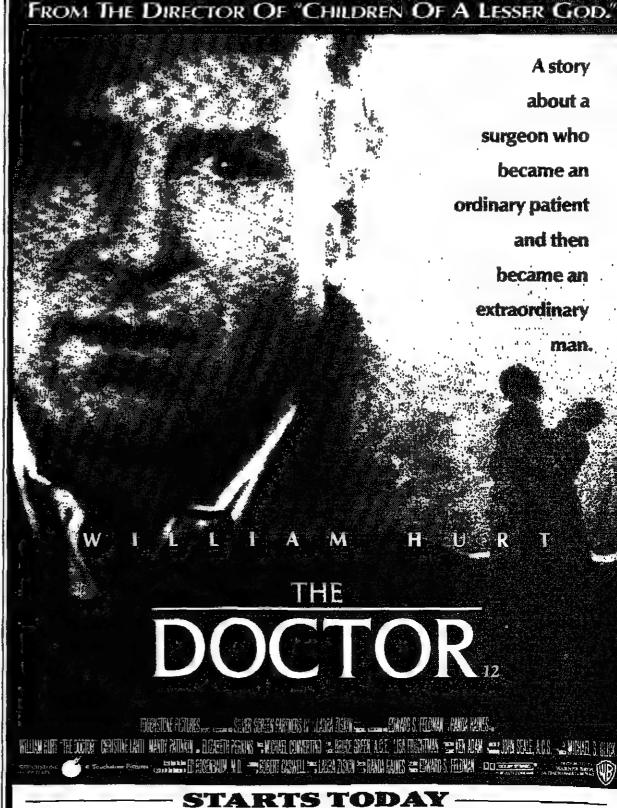
The journal Cancer Weekty reports that seven of the 244 policemen in Grand Rapids and Wyoming in the United States who wield the gun have later developed cancer of the testes; one is suing the manufacturer.

Radar guns are not the only devices that have recently come under suspicion. In Britain a doctor practising near the television and radio transmitter at Solihull reports that in one practice with 2,600 patients, seven have developed leukaemia or lymphoma. All bar one lived within 1,500 metres of the transmitter for ar least 14 years and strangely the practice did not have any patients with these diseases

outside this range. Policemen, and West Midlanders, can probably rest assured — medical research is frequently confused, and patients alarmed, by statistical

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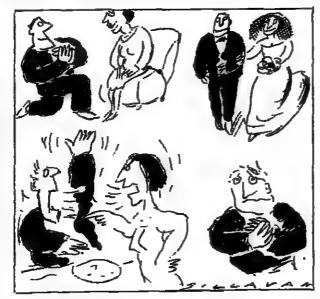
Separate disorders

DESPITE a few well publicised difficulties, the Ashdowns and the Clintons have stayed together, and in doing so they may have preserved their health as well as their marriages and political careers. Divorce can prove

One-Plus-One, a research group from the Central Middlesex hospital, has produced a report entitled Marital Breakdown and the Health of the Nation. The research, reviewed in Doctor magazine, showed that people with marital problems are nearly three times more likely to go in the first instance to their GP to seek help than to marriage counsellors or social workers.

Dr Jack Dominian, the director of One-Plus-One, estimates that 70 per cent of patients have social or psychological problems — in women mainly due to personal relationships, although in men this came second to problems at work. Divorced patients are four times more likely to commit suicide, and up to six times more likely to be admitted to a mental hospital.

Divorce is an important ried women.



factor in assessing the risk of coronary arterial disease and strokes. Divorced men under 55 are twice as likely to have a coronary and nearly three times as likely to have a stroke as those who stay married. Nor should divorced women necessarily think that they will be "better off without him". because although their arterial health is not as vulnerable as men's to divorce, the incidence of cardiovascular disease is 50 per cent higher than in mar-

Cancer as well as heart disease is more common in the divorced, and the chances of survival if one or other does develop are reduced. Cancers of the throat, the lungs, the guts, the bladder and in men

the prostate are all more likely. Inevitably statistics of this sort fail to distinguish between those whose character or behaviour initially contributed to the divorce and those whose health was undermined after it by neglect, loneliness, diet, drinking and smoking.

No gain, just pain

Yoga can be as punishing as any Olympic

sport, as Liz Hodgkinson discovered

ago. I confidently expected that I would be able to release stress and anxiety. bring mind and body into harmony, improve my sleep and get rid of my neck and shoulder cramps.

All this happened — and more. As I progressed, I was delighted to be able to regain much of the athleticism and acrobatic ability of my childhood. I could still do the backbend! I could stand on my head! I could bend forward and put my head on my knees!

So far, so good - until my enthusiasm for attempting ever more-advanced postures resulted in my developing a hernia and then dislocating a facet joint in my lower back. The hernia means I will have to go into hospital to have the spilling gut sewn back in place under general anaesthetic. I was in agony with the back problem until I had the joint yanked back into place by a chiropractor.

Before I started advanced yoga classes. I was in perfect physical health. So what went wrong? Isn't yoga supposed to be gentle, relax-

ing, calming — and safe?
Well, yes and no. Yoga is rapidly becoming the most popular method of relaxation and stress management, and recent clinical trials in hospitals in America and Europe have established that it can be extremely therapeutic, and help with diabetes and asthma, bring down high blood pressure and even

reverse coronary heart disease.

When it's taken very gently, that
is. But there is also an "Olympic" side to yoga, which is extremely strenuous and highly demanding of the body, and if you suddenly take up strenuous yoga after years of physical inactivity, as I did, you can expect your body to rebel.

When I ripped and tore my gut and put my back out, I was doing advanced postures such as the cobra, whereby you lie on your stomach and arch the back in order to touch your head with your toes.

The other yoga fact is that although about 80 per cent of practitioners in the West are women, it was originally designed more than 2,000 years ago for men's bodies, which are generally

hen I signed up for yoga classes two years do not have an internal reproductive system.

Even nowadays, women are advised to abstain from some of the more exotic postures (such as the peacock, where the elbows are dug right into the sides of the body in order to lift it off the ground) because of possible damage to the reproductive system. Inverted postures, such as the headstand and shoulderstand, are not recommended during menstruation.

Dr Robin Munro, a former

molecular biologist who since 1983 has run the Yoga Biomedical Trust to put yoga on a modern, scientific basis, agrees it can be dangerous.

There are several different types

of yoga, ranging from those which simply relax the mind and body to those where there is a strong emphasis on high-level performance. It's here that injuries can occur." he says. Typically the injury will be to muscles and joints: knee joints are particularly vulnerable.

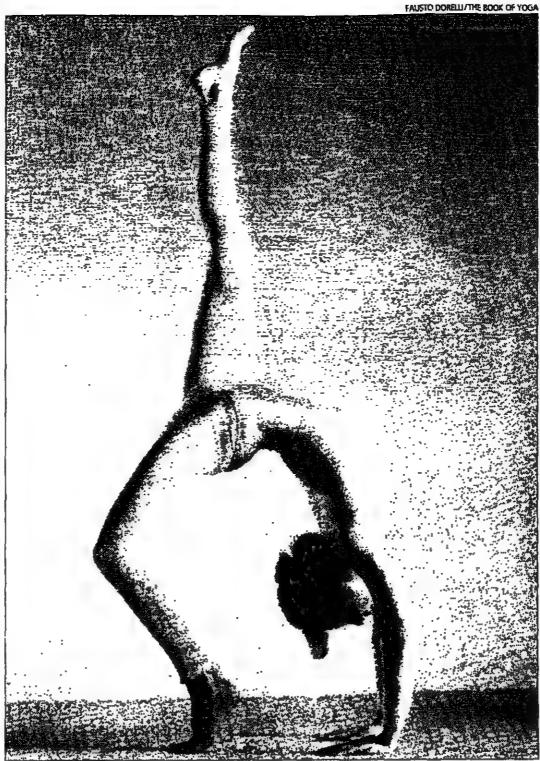
With the more strenuous types of yoga, there are exactly the same dangers as with any other sport. Most world-class athletes sustain many injuries and, in this, yoga is no different. People tend to think that yoga classes are all the same, whereas they vary considerably."

For therapeutic purposes, Dr Munro suggests the yoga should be very gentle. Yoga, he adds, can be very good for conditions such as PMT and migraine, if it is related to breathing, rather than doing yoga which revolves around com-plicated postures. But people who are not in good health should not consider "postural" yoga.

"The problem is that people

become very competitive," Dr Munro says. "All good teachers will emphasise that members of the class are not in competition with each other, but it's hard to stop people competing against themselves, trying to achieve a posture that has defeated them."

There are special dangers, he says, for women. "You'll notice in most yoga classes that the women are far more supple than the men. But that extra male stiffness is actually a protection against injury in yoga. One of the reasons men are less supple is because they have



Don't try this at home: advanced yoga postures such as the wheel can be dangerous to your health

cles are more difficult to bend."

A good teacher should point all this out, Dr Munro says, and should also watch to see whether any members of the class are straining themselves beyond their limits. Although it is good to push yourself at first, the idea behind yoga is to sustain postures without

pushing or straining. As with most exercise classes, anybody can set up as a voga

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teacher without having any proper training. Injuries are less likely to happen when teachers have trained with a recognised school, but of

course they can never be ruled out. Established schools of high-level yoga such as lyengar and Sivananda, which are extremely strenuous, insist on proper training programmes for their teachers. The British Wheel of Yoga, which runs classes all over the country, is gentle and relaxing, and would appeal

more to people wanting to reduce

Most of the clinical studies have taken place with gentle forms of yoga," Dr Munro says. "We now need to carry out trials with postural yoga, to see just what health benefits it can bring."

 More information and advice on classes from The Yoga Biomedical Trust, PO Box 140. Cambridge CBI IPU (enclose large sae).

Hidden mark of the wolf

A conference next week will try to bring lupus, the killer illness, out into the open

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may not realise that they are suffering from the mysterious illness called lupus may be helped by an international conference to be held in London next week. The organisers hope that one of the results of the three-day congress for research scientists from all over the world will be to alert general practitioners to the fact that lupus is far more common than they believe.

The textbooks of my generation relegated it to the small print at the back of the book," says Britain's

leading expert, Dr Graham Hughes, consultant physician at the lupus clinic at St Thomas's and head of the lupus research unit. "They believe it to be a rare disease. It isn't," Worldwide, lupus affects one in 1,000 women, although in certain countries, such as Ja-maica, it can be as many as one in 250. In Britain an estimated 25,000 people suffer

them without knowing it. Until the illness is correctly diagnosed it cannot be successfully treated and may ultimately prove fatal. In such cases, death may be caused by kidney failure, brain disease or strokes.

Lupus, known as the wolf disease because of a butterfly-shaped facial rash resembling a wolf bite which may afflict some sufferers in its early stages, is a disorder of the body's immune system. "In some ways," Dr Hughes says, "it is the opposite of Aids. The immune system is in overdrive, producing too many antibodies, which may cause problems in any organ in the body." Ninety per cent of its victims are women — most of them aged between 15 and 40.

Dr Hughes's pioneering re-search has revealed a clotting factor in some lupus sufferers which causes patients to have a tendency to thrombose. The discovery has had wide implications, not just for habus sufferers, but for some women who suffer recurrent miscarriages because of the blood supply to the baby being cut off created with anti-coagulants such

Thousands of women who as aspirin. "There's a lot of new work on the basic aspects of this clotting mechanism." Dr Hughes says. There are probably nundreds of people throughout the country who have gone into dementia as the result of recurrent small strokes when they were young because they have an antibody in the blood which interferes with normal cloning."

The precise cause of lupus is still a mystery, although medical scientists believe that heredity, hormones and infections - including viruses - are involved. It can lie dormant until activat-

ed by a variety of factors, including sunlight, the aftermath of pregnancy, certain drugs and stress. One of the difficulties in diagnosing iupus is the fact that its symptoms resemble

those of many other ailments, resulting in its nickname of the Great Pretender. They include muscle and joint pain, migraine, fever, allergies, headaches, chest pain, skin rashes.

depression and fatigue. Many young women are diagnosed as having pre-menstrual headaches or glandular fever or ME [myalgic encephalomyelitis]." Dr Hughes says.

Once diagnosed, the disease is containable with drugs, primarily steroids. "People used to overtreat with steroids," says Dr Hughes, who sees up to 70 patients at his weekly clinic. "but now we use much lower doses and milder medicines. Now you can fine-tune the disease.

Among the scientists at next eek's conference will be Dr Robert Lahita, the director of rheumatology at St Luke's Hospital in Manhattan and chairman of the board of the Lupus Foundation of America. He has been researching the use of sex steroids such as progesterone - a strong pregnancy hormone. that inhibits the immune function, — in the control of the disease. "We might be able to use that in the near future," Dr Lahita says. "and get beyond cortisone, which is the

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he third force nudging Ford and Vauxhall over

the next few years may not

be Japanese, as the British

motor industry has feared. So many eyes have been focused on

the expansion of Japanese manu-

facturers that few have noticed the

quiet progress of the company that

has nudged Rover out of its pos-

PSA, the manufacturer of

Peugeois and Citroens, is now the

third biggest company selling in

the United Kingdom. While Rover

has fallen by the wayside so far this

year, figures from the Society of

Motor Manufacturers and Traders show the Peugeot and Citroen

marques defying the recession and taking a record share of the market.

Peugeot, which makes the 405 mid-range model at Ryton, Coventry, has shot up in popularity and is accounting for 8.16 per cent of all

sales. Alongside that has been the

rapid development of Citroen, now

taking just over 4 per cent of all new car sales in Britain.

Combine the two and PSA has a market share of 12.17 per cent in

the first quarter of the year, up from

10 per cent at the same point last

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catching up While the Japanese

French cars are

worry British makers, France is making inroads, Kevin Eason says

en the powerful range of small cars that the two companies now field against some tired-looking op-

Manufacturers that rely on big cars to help prop up sales figures have suffered because of the slump in the market for executive models Rover, for example, launched its new 800 series right into the mire of an executive market down by 21 per cent this year, which is almost twice the rate of decline for the whole market.

By contrast, the market for small cars, such as the Rover Metro, is down by only 8.5 per cent and compacts, like the Ford Escort, by 6.4 per cent — both areas in which Peugeot and Citroen are strongest. Peugeot, for example, has its new paby 106, which looks head and

shoulders above the competition, except for another French model, the Renault Clio, which remains ten years on the market, refuses to look dated and still performs with

launched its AX series, which is joined by the ZX, now one of the classiest compacts on the market. Clever marketing has also played its part take the ZX Volcane automatic, for example. This is

Citroen's answer to the Escort

XR3i, but an automatic? The

convention is that nobody who buys

a GTi-style car wants a fuddyduddy automatic gear change. Citroen simply asks. Why not? Why not, indeed, because the Volcane is as lively as any car in its class yet perfect for crowded cities, where the driver, with no need for repetitious gear-changing, can re-lax. Even with more than 120bhp available to surge safely through overtaking, the Volcane is happy to

bubble along in traffic. Then there is the diesel factor.

Diesel sales, which now take up to ten per cent of the market, have played right into the heart of PSA territory.

Catering to a home market where diesel has accounted for a third and more of sales for years has made PSA the leaders in the field. Apart from making engines for Peugeots and Citroens, PSA



Citroen's answer to the Escort XR3i: the ZX Volcane is a lively and comfortable automatic

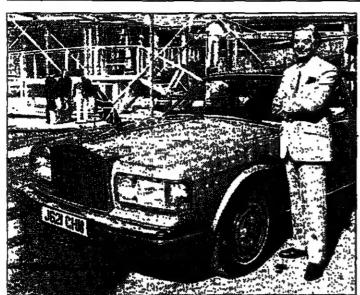
also supplies Rover, for example. The diesel boom has rejuvenaged Peugeot's 405 range, accounting about half of all sales. As a result, the 405 was lifted to sixth place in the list of top ten best sellers

Despite the gloom in the British industry, Ryton is relatively buoyant. Exports of the 405 are strong, accounting for almost 70 per cent output, and the factory is preparing to make a successor to the ageing 309 range, giving PSA another strong candidate for sales in the small car sector.

That is a far cry from the tortured 1970s, when Ryton, struggling against strikes, falling production and losses of £286 million, was owned by Chrysler. The Americans were reputedly so desperate to off-load Ryton that they sold the business to PSA for a single dollar. Now

with a new model on the stocks at Ryton, PSA could consolidate its position as Britain's third force at the expense of Rover, giving the Japanese a tough act to beau

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Rolling to Seville in a Silver Spur THE decision was enough to send How the symbol of prestige, luxury

a shudder through the flagpoles that keep the Union Jack proudly aloft in dozens of foreign lands, Kevin Eason writes. From now on, it was decreed, British ambassadors would no longer use the Rolls-Royce but some lesser mode of

transport, a Jaguar perhaps. The instruction from the men from the ministry acknowledged that times are hard indeed. Even if a Rolls signified all that was British in the most far-flung outpost, a £100,000-plus motor car was difficult to justify.

Imagine, then, the smile on the face of Sir John Ure, the UK Commissioner General at Expo '92 in Seville, Spain. He has a Rolls-Royce, which I delivered to

The manufacturer may be in

and power was delivered to Expo '92 everywhere and within 15 minutes

dire straits, with financial losses of £60 million, redundancies and sales down by a third, but this is a company that knows its place as the flagship of Britain's car industry. If Britain were to be represented with a £22 million pavilion at an international exposition, Rolls-Royce had to be there, too.

Sir John might have been transported everywhere in a humble Rover. Nothing wrong with that, but it is hardly the car for the The Silver Spur II was born to

the job, as I discovered negotiating

the narrow streets of Seville on my

way to find Sir John. Heads turned

wheel of a whispering, 6.8-litre giant. The trick is to snuggle back into the leather armchair of a driver's seat, flick the electronic

most photographed in Spain.

automatic gearbox to drive, then simply point the car south. Blizzards and rain failed to deflect the car from surging its way over mountain roads, sweeping through Madrid and on to Seville.

The only blip came from my heart as I saw the petrol guage needle falling, with only 20 miles of Spanish countryside going past to every unleaded gallon.

The compensation was the overwhelming pleasure given to Spanthe graceful car was becoming the ish garage owners who, more used I had volunteered to do my small to dealing with tiny Seats and battered Fords, thought their birthbit for Britain by driving the car the 600 miles from Santander to Seville in a day. That sounds a days had arrived as the Rolls pulled onto the forecourt. One £50 fill-up was as good as the next five cars in tough proposition, but not at the

The smile was about as broad on Sir John's face at first sight of the silver Rolls, all £112,000 worth, which is his for the next six months to prove that Britain still provides the world with an exceptional car made by people who care about the tiny details. Then it is back to his

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Luton double

VAUXHALL, whose Cavalier is now Britain's best-selling car, celebrated two milestones this week at its main plant at Luton. Bedford-shire. Vauxhall has made 500,000 of the current model, and 100,000 of the cars, badged the Opel Vectra, were for export. Exports now account for four out of every ten cars from Luton and the destinations include Belgium. France, Germany and New Zealand contributing £570 million to the balance of payments last year.

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House of Lords

Hearsay from drug buyers inadmissible

Regina v Kearley

Before Lord Griffiths, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmetton and Lord Browne-Wilkinson [Speeches April 8]

Evidence of relephone calls and calls in person to the appellant's house asking for drugs had been irrelevant or inadmissible as

The House of Lords, Lord Griffiths and Lord Browne-Wilkinson dissenting, so stated in allowed an appeal by Alan Robert Michael Kearley from the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Jowitt) ((1990) 93 Cr App R 222) who on November 29, 1990, had Crown Court (Judge Best and a jury) on counts of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply, contrary to section 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (count 6), and possession of a controlled drug, contrary to sec-tion 5(2) (counts 7 and 8).

Mr Michael de Navarro, QC and Mr John Aspinall for the appellant: Miss Ann Goddard, QC and Mr Roger Shawcross for

LORD ACKNER said that the appeal was concerned essentially with count 6, which had concorned a relatively small quantity of amphetamine not such as to give rise in itself to the inference that the appellant was a commer-

The appellant had given no evidence at his trial but in intertently denied having anything to do with the supply of drugs. His case at trial had been that such home had not been there with his

the appeal had been whether. assuming that he had been in possession of the amphetamine, ne had been in possession of it with intent to supply it to others.

The evidence sought to be given, and to which unsuccessful objection had been made at the trial, had been, in the terms of the question certified by the Court of Appeal as raising a point of law of general public importance, an oral request for drugs to be supplied by the appellant, which request had been (I) not spoken in the presence of the appellant: (ii) or in his appellant's hearing: (ii) or by a person called as a witness

The certified question enquired whether such evidence might be given, not for the purpose of establishing the truth of any fact narrated by the words of the request but for the purpose of inviting the jury to draw an inference from the fact that the words had been spoken that the

The circumstances in which the request for drugs to which the certified question related had arisen had been that, following the appellant's arrest and when he had been either not at his home or not within earshot, a number of his home that had been answered the police in which the caller had enquired whether he could speak to "Chippie", the appel-

DPP v Lowden

iJudement April 21

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr

Once justices had been given clear

evidence from an expert as to the amount of alcohol necessary to

cause a particular driver to exceed

plausible evidence as to the quan-

occurrence of an accident, it was

fact that apparent discrepancies

that the defendant had dis-

charged the burden of proof necessary to establish a defence

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing a prosecution appeal against the dismissal by Taunton Justices of a

Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

lant's nickname, and asked to be supplied with drugs.

Later, while the police had still been on the premises, a number of persons had arrived at the house, some with money, also asking to be supplied with drugs.

It was those requests that certain police officers had been allowed to recount in evidence. None of those who had made the enquiries was called by the

Each of those requests had, of course, been evidence of the state of mind of the person making the supplied with drugs and had thought that the appellant would so supply him. It had not been evidence of the fact that the appellant had supplied or could would supply the person mak-

But the state of mind of the person making the request had not been an issue at the trial. Accordingly, evidence of his request had been irrelevant and therefore inadmissible. Miss Goddard had maintained

that the evidence of the requests for drugs to be supplied by the appellant had tended to show that the premises at which the request the premises at which the request-had been made were being used as a source of supply of drugs and that the supplier, that is, that the person who had been supplying the drugs, was the appellant.

She had accepted that a single equest would not have provided evidence either that the premises were being used as a source of supply of drugs or that the appellant was the supplier. It could only have been evidence of making the request

His Lordship could see no basis in logic or principle for validly contending that an additional damentally have altered the

The request or requests had contained neither an express nor an implied assertion that the person making the enquiry had obtained drugs either from the premises or from the appellant in the past or had been told by the appellant, or his duly authorised agent, that he, the appellant, would satisfy his requirements for

Indeed, the request or requests had not contained any factual assertion. They had asked a question of the appellant: "Will you supply me with drugs? thus

The application of the hearsay rule did not, on the facts so far recited, fall for consideration. The evidence had not been admissible because it had been irrelevant. It was as simple as that. But, in case his Lordship had

been guilty of over-simplification, he considered the position on the assumption that the very nature of the request or requests had car-ried with it a permissible implicasupplier of drugs.

Because the precise scope of the rule against hearsay was in some respects a matter of controversy, there were a number of formula-

Cross on Evidence (7th edition (1990) p42) stated: "An assertion

Drinking after accident

charge against Anthony Gibbon Lowden of driving with excess alcohol, contrary to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Mr Simon Morgan for the

WATERHOUSE said that while

travelling along the M5 a wheel of

the defendant motorist's car had

On returning home the deten-

dant had consumed alcohol and.

on being questioned by police as to the amount, had indicated it by reference to a glass number. The

tumbler in question and expert witnesses for both sides were

In DPP v Singh (1988) RTR 209) where there had been a

similar set of circumstances, the

involved in the accident.

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ecution: Mr John Ungley for

other than one made by a person while giving oral evidence in the proceedings is inadmissible as evidence of any fact asserted."

In deciding whether the rule was being breached, it was essen-tial to examine the purpose for which the evidence was tendered.

In Subramanian v Public Prosecutor ([1956] 1 WLR 965, 970) the Privy Council had said: "Evidence of a statement made to a witness by a person who is not himself called as a witness may or may not be hearsay. It is hearsay and inadmissible when the object of the evidence is to establish the truth of what is contained in the statement. It is not hearsay and is admissible when it is proposed to establish by the evidence, not the

Such being the law, Miss Goddard had frankly conceded that, if the enquirer had said in the course of making his request: "I would like my usual supply of amphetamine at the price which a paid was less used." or words to that effect, then, although the enquirer could have been called to give evidence of the fact that he had in the past purchased from the appellant his requirements of amphetamine and had made his call at the appellant's house for a further supply on the occasion when he had met and spoken to the police, the hearsay rule would have prevented the prosecution from calling police officers to recount the conversation that his

Lordship had described. That was for the simple reason that the request made in such form contained an express assertion that the premises at which the request was being made were being used as a source of supply of drugs and that the supplier the appellant.

If the simple request or requests for drugs to be supplied by the appellant, as recounted by the police, had contained in substance, but only by implication, the same assertion, then his Lordship could find neither authority nor principle to suggest that the hearsay rule should not be equally applicable and exclude such evidence.

What was sought to be done was to use the oral assertion, even though it might be an implied assertion, as evidence of the truth of the proposition asserted. That the proposition was asserted by way of necessary implication rather than expressly could not to his Lordship's mind, make any

The object of tendering the evidence would be to establish the truth of what was contained in the statement. That was precisely what the rule prohibited

LORD BRIDGE, agreeing with Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver, said that he knew of no principle that could be applied to render evidence of many requests sible if the evidence of t one, considered separately, would

Of course, he appreciated the probative force of a plurality of requests, but the probative force of hearsay evidence in particular circumstances had never afforded ground for disregarding the

justices had had no guidance from experts from which they

could draw the conclusions that the defendant had discharged the

burden required under section

The justices' description of the difference between the amount

necessary to form the basis of a charge and that described by the

defendant to the police as having been consumed as being minima

had troubled his Lordship but the justices' decision that the defendant had discharged the burden

was none the less open to them on

Lord Justice Lloyd delivered a

Solicitors: Blyth Dutton for CPS Taunton; Dodson Harding,

concurring judgment.

the evidence with the adequate

LORD OLIVER, agreeing the appeal should be allowed, added

that he was very conscious of the difficulty of obtaining direct evi-dence from witnesses in the prosecution of drug offences and that there might well be a good case for relaxing the rule that excluded hearsay either generally or in cases such as the present so long as the jury received an appropriate direction as to the circumspection with which hear-

say evidence should be received. But the rule had been evolved and applied over many years in the interest of fairness to persons accused of crime, and if it was now to be modified, that should be done only by the legislature.

LORD GRIFFITHS, dissent-ing, said that it was hardly surprising that the jury had convicted the appellant for as a matter of common sense it was difficult to think of much more convincing evidence of his activity as a drug dealer than customers constantly ringing his home to buy drugs and a stream of mers bearing a path to his door for the same purpose.

Unless compelled to do so by suthority, his Lordship would be most unwilling to hold that such evidence should be withheld from

The criminal law of evidence should be developed along com-mon sense lines readily com-prebensible to the men and women who comprised the jury and bore the responsibility for the major decisions in criminal cases.

His Lordship believed that most laymen, if told that the criminal law of evidence forbade them even to consider such evidence as their Lordships were debating, would reply "Then the law is an ass".

The hearsay rule had been created by their Lordships jucreated by their Lordships' ju-dicial predecessors and if their Lordships found that it no longer served to do justice in certain conditions then the judges of today should accept the responsibility of reviewing and adapting the rules of evidence to serve present society.

It was said that evidence of what had been said by those who had telephoned or called at the

belief or opinion that they could obtain drugs from the appellant and, on the authority of Wright v Doe d Tatham ((1837) 7 A&E 313), to be treated as inadmissible

His Lordship could not accept that submission. It was of course true that it was almost certain that the customers had believed that they could obtain drugs from the

appellant. But why had they?

The obvious inference was that
the appellant had established a
market as a drug dealer by supplying or offering to supply drugs and had thus been attract-

There were, of course, other possible explanations such as a mistaken belief or even a deliberate attempt to frame the appellant, but there were very fe factual situations from different inferences could not be drawn and it was for the jury to decide which inference they believed they could safely draw.

The evidence had been offer not for the purpose of inviting the jury to draw the inference that the ners had believed that they could obtain drugs but to prove as a fact that the telephone callers and visitors had been acting as customers or potential customers.

That had been a circumstance from which the jury could, if so minded, have drawn the inference that the appellant was trading as a drug dealer.

The requests for drugs had not been hearsay as generally under-stood, namely an out-of-court narrative description of facts that had had to be proved in evidence.
The callers had been neither describing the appellant as a drug dealer nor stating their opinion that he was a drug dealer. They had been calling him up or visiting him as customers, a fact revealed by the words they had

Lord Browne-Wikinson delivered an opinion concurring with Lord Griffiths.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard;

Licensees liable for unlawful eviction

Jones and Another v Miah and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Leggatt [Judgment April 7]

The definition of "licensee" in the National Conditions of Sale for a purchaser let into occupation before completion did not detract from the definition of "landlord" in section 27(9)(c) of the Housing

The fact that as between the purchaser and the vendor the former was to be regarded as a licensee, rather than a tenant, did not prevent the purchaser from being "in occupation" for the purposes of section 27(9)(c) of the 1988 Act.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing in part an appeal by the defendant brothers, Mr M. N. Miah and Mr brothers, Mr M. N. Mian and Mr G. M. Miah, against the decision of Judge Quentin Edwards, QC, on April 9, 1990 at Bloomsbury County Court when he awarded damages totalling £17,135 to the plaintiffs, Miss Jennifer Jones and Miss Helen Lee for the tort of unless the missing wides a section. 27 and 28 of the 1988 Act, for loss and inconvenience, personal discomfort and distress and aggravated damages. The Court of Appeal reduced the damages to

Section 27 of the Housing Act 1988 provides: "(9) . . . (c) 'land-lord' in relation to a residential occupier, means the person who, but for the occupier's right to occupy, would be entitled to occupation of the premises, and any superior landlord under whom that person derives title."

Mr Raymond Crozon, QC and Mr Robert Blackford for the defendants: Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Shane Dougall for Miss Lee; Miss Jones did not spread and roy did not appear and was not

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that both actions arose out of events on October 18, 1988. when both plaintiffs were brutally evicted by the defendants in very distressing circumstances with the concurrence of a Mr Sammy Ahmed, from bed-sitting rooms on the first floor of 23A Camden High Street, London of which they had protected tenancies under section 22 of the Rent Act

The defendants argued, inter alia, that they were not in law the landlords of the plaintiffs at the time of the unlawful eviction and so could not have been liable for damages under sections 27 and 28 of the 1988 Act as landlords in

At the time of the wrongful eviction of the plaintiffs. Mr Ahmed and Mr Uddin held a leasehold interest in 23/23A Camden High Street. By a contract in writing dated October 5.
Mr Ahmed and Mr Uddin agreed to sell to the defendants the business of a restaraunt carried on by the vendors at No 23 together with the bed-sitting rooms on the first floor.

The contract incorporated the National Conditions of Sale (20th edition) which included condition 8: "If the purchaser . . . is let into occupation of the property before the actual completion ... the purchaser shall — (i) be the licensee and not the tenant of the

Because of the protected ten-ancies, the vendors were not in a position on October 17 to give vacant possession of the bed sitting rooms. But on October 18 the plaintiffs were evicted by the Before October 18, the defen-

dants had been supplied with keys of the upper part of the property and had threatened the plaintiff with eviction and that they would "play it rough". With the concurrence of Mr

Ahmed, the defendants changed the lock on No 23A so as to event the plaintiffs returning to the premises and packed up their belongings in black plastic bags. The defendants said that the

under sections 27 and 28 of the 1988 Act should have been made against Mr Ahmed who was landlord at the time of the evictions. They said that at that time they were at highest licensees of the vendors under condition & of the National Conditions of Sale and that it was well established that a licensee had a mere personal contractual right against his licensor but no interest in

The defendants therefore submitted that they could not at the time of the eviction have been entitled to occupation of the premises as against the plaintiffs or anyone else, within the meaning of "landlord" in section 270000 febra 1982 Act 27(9)(c) of the 1988 Act.

In his Lordship's judgment, the definition of "landlord" to be applied was the definition in section 27(9)(c) and not any other definition. That definition had to be read in relation to a landlord and tenant relationship but there was no difficulty in doing that.

The defendants became the owners in equity of the leasehold term when they entered into their contract to purchase it. Condition 8 envisaged that a purchase, might be let into occupation of the property before completion. The fact that as between himself and the vendor he was to be regarded as a licensee whose licence was revocable on notice, rather than as a tenant, did not prevent his being in occupation.

His Lordship could see no reason why the defendants, who were let into occupation by the not satisfy the test in the definition of being the persons who, but for the residential occupier's right to occupation, would have been entitled to occupation of the

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord stice Leggast delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Lipman Bose & Co; Osbornes, Camden Town.

Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Deportation would violate human rights

Beldioudi v France (Case No 55/1990/246/317)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges F. Matscher, L.-E. Pettiti, C. Russo, A. Spielmann, J. de Meyer, N. Vatiticos, S. K. Martens and R. Pekkanen

Registrar M.-A. Eissen [Judgment March 26]

The European Court of Huzzan Rights held, by 7 votes to 2, that if a decision to deport Mr Beldjoudi from France were implemented, there would be a violation of the applicants' right to respect for their family life as guaranteed by article 2 of the Furness Company article 8 of the European Conven-tion on Human Rights.

Article 8 of the Convention

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Mr Mohand Beldfoudi, the first applicant, was born in France in 1950, of parents of Algerian origin who like him, lost their French nationality in 1963 after Algeria became independent. He vas brought up in France and had always lived there, either with his parents or with the second applicant, Mrs Martine Beldjoudi nee Teychene, a French citizen whom he married in 1970. and sisters were all resident in

He was convicted in 1969, 1974, 1977 and 1978 of various criminal offences, including an aggravated their for which he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment

In November 1979, the Minister of the Interior issued a deportation order against him, on the ground that his presence on French territory constituted a threat to public order.

His application for the order to be set aside was dismissed by the Versailles Administrative Court in April 1988. Mr Beldjoudi had in the meantime been convicted of several other offences in 1986 and had unsuccessfully attempted to obtain a certificate of French nationality in 1983 and 1984.

On January 18, 1991 the Conseil d'Etat dismissed his appeal against the administrative court's decision and the deportation order. The order had not yet been enforced and Mr Beldjoudi was subject to a compulsor residence order for the Hauts-de Seine Department. He was also under judicial supervision after being charged with aggravated receiving of stolen goods.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held: I Alleged violation of article 8

A Paragraph 1
The Court found that enforcement of the deportation order would constitute an interference by a public authority with the exercise of the applicants' right to respect for their family life.

B Paragraph 2 of article 8
I In accordance with the law It was not disputed that the legal basis of the interference was section 23 of the order of November 2, 1945 relating to the conditions of entry and residence

of aliens in France. It was also found to be lawful by the Conseil d'Etat in its judgment of January

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the Governi mission considered that the interference in issue was directed at aims which were entirely in accordance with the Convention, the prevention of disorder and the ation of crime . The applicants did not dispute that and the Court reached the same Necessary in a democratic

The Court acknowledged that it

was the duty of the contracting states to maintain public order, in particular by exercising their right, as a matter of well estab-lished international law and subject to their treaty obligations, to control the entry, residence and expulsion of aliens (see Abdulazis, Cabales and Balkandali v United Kingdom of May 28, 1985 (Series A No 94, p34, paragraph 67). Berrehab v The Netherlands (The Times June 30, 1988; Series A No 138, pp15-16, paragraphs 28-29) and Moustaguim v Belgium (The Times May 8, 1991; Series A No 193, p19, paragraph

However, their decisions in that field had, in so far as they might field had, in so far as they might interfere with a right protected under paragraph 1 of article 8, to be necessary in a democratic society, that is to say, justified by a pressing social need and, in particular, proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

in the present case, Mr Beldjoudi's criminal record ap-peared much worse than that of Mr Moustaquim.

The Court therefore examined whether the other circumstances of the case, relating either to both

were enough to compensate for that important fact.

Having regard to the ap-plicants ages and the fact that they had no children, the interference in question primarily af-fected their family life as spouses. They had been married in France over twenty years previously and had always had their matrimonial home there. Mr Beldjoudi's periods of nment had not put an end to their family life, which re-mained protected by article 8. Mr Beldjoudi, the person immediate-

by affected by the deportation order, had been born in France of parents who were then french and had had French nationality until January 1, 1963. He had taken steps, one year after his first conviction and nine years before the adoption of the deportation order, to recover French nationality. He had married a French-

woman and his close relatives had all had French nationality for in France for several decades.

He had spent his whole life, over forty years, in France, had been educated in French and appeared not to know Arabic. He eared not to have any links with Algeria apart from Mrs Beldjoudi had been born in France of French parents, had

always lived there and was of French nationality. If she were to follow her husband, she would have to settle abroad, presumably in Algeria, a state whose language she probably did not know. To be uprooted like that could cause her great difficulty in adapting and there might be real practical or legal obstacles.

The Court therefore held.

Judges Petriti and Valticos dissenting, that having regard to these various circumstances, it appeared from the point of view of respect for the applicants' family life, that the decision to deport Mr Beldjoudi, if put into effect, would not be proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued and would therefore violate article 8.

Having reached that conclusion, the Court did not need to examine whether the deportation would also infringe the ap-plicants right to respect for their

II Alleged violation of article 14 in conjunction with article 8
In view of the finding of a violation of article 8, the Court did not consider it necessary to examdiscrimination contrary to article 14 in the enjoyment of the applicants' right to respect for their family life.

III Afleged violation of articles 3, 9 and 12 As to the complaints relating to articles 3, 9 and 12 were not reiterated before the Court, the Court did not consider it nec-essary. Judge de Meyer disseming over the alleged violation of article 3, to examine them on its own

IV Application of article 50

A Damage
the applicants claimed
Fir10.000,000 in respect of damage. The Court agreed that they
must have suffered non-pecuniary damage, but considered that the judgment provided them with sufficient compensation.

B Costs and expenses
The Court considered it reasonable to awared Fir60,000 for

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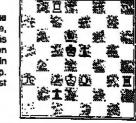
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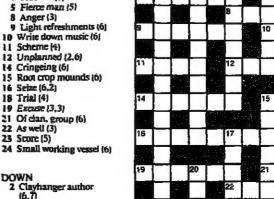
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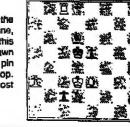
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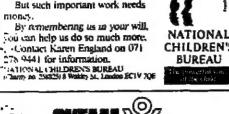
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6.00 BBC Breakfast News. Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer with the latest news and reaction to the result of the general election. Including comprehensive coverage from the BBC's political correspondents and reporters and interviews with senior figures in the three main parties (8156316)

9.30 Election '92. David Dimbleby with the results of the morning declarations; Peter Snow examines how and why the country voted the way it did; Peter Sissons inteviews the politicians, and John Cole gives his reaction to the outcome. Includes News, regional news and weather at 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 (190321)

12.30 Regional News and weather (11213) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (53316)

1.30 Election '92. David Dimbleby and the team follow the closing stages of the election including the final results which could be of crucial importance. The cameras will also be in Downing Street to see the winning party's celebrations. Buckingham Palace to record the comings and goings and at the parties' headquarters as

the final outcome is discussed (513403)
4.00 Wildlife On One: Rockles and Rollers. The animal life of the Falklands, narrated by David Attenborough (r) (584)
4.30 Goodbye to the Good Old Days. An affectionate appreciation of

the television variety show which finished in 1983 after a run of 30 5.00 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. Bill Beaumont and John Parrott are joined by Ray Houghton, Dalton Grant, Alex Greaves and David Feherty (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1182958)

5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (530958) 6.00 Six O'Clock News and Election '92 with Anna Ford and Andrew

Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (92132)
7.00 Regional News Magazines (445213)
7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. Raucous American comedy about a family who befriend a monster after accidentally injuring it on a camping holiday. (Ceefax) (5) (754942)



Entertaining company: Cash, Forsyth and Richard (8.00pm)

8.00 Bruce's Guest Night. The first of a new series of entertainment shows hosted by the indestructible Bruce Forsyth. His guests are Cliff Richard, American comedienne Rita Rudner, singer Lisa Stansfield, former Wimbledon men's singles champion Pat Cash and Broadway and Dallas star Howard Keel. (Ceefax) (s) (8861) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News and Election '92 with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax)

Regional news and weather (927749)

9.50 Film: A Cop for the Killing (1990) starring James Farrentino.
Efficient, fact-based TV movie about the Los Angeles police's undercover narcotic squad who suffer a crisis of confidence after one of their number is killed in the line of duty while on the track of the line of the product of the line of the product of the line the city's biggest cocame dealer. Directed by Dick Lowry. (Ceelax, (8964855). Northern Ireland: Sportscene 10.20-10.55 Film: The

Aighty Quinn 11.20 Film: About Last Night (1986) starring Rob Lowe, James Belush and Demi Moore. An acerbic comedy based on David Mamet's play Sexual Perversity in Chicago about the city's singles scene in which a couple's one night stand becomes a more permanent but ultimately doorned relationship. Directed by Edward Zwick (393045). Northern Ireland (11.55–1.25): Film: The Wicker Man

1.10am Weather (4839411)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Arts — Handel's Messiah (7181519). Ends at 7.10. 8.00 Breakfast News (6962213)

8.15 Party Time. The fun of a party (7). (Ceefax) (3838381)
9.00 Film: Dot and the Smugglers (1987). Animated adventure about a little girl in the Australian outback who stops a heartless band of smugglers from stealing the legendary Burnyip (1268316)
9.55 The Angel and the Soldier Boy, More animation, with music from Clarmad (r) (9415497) 10.20 Playdays. For the very young (s) (7550584) 10.40 The Family Ness (r) (3639942)
10.45 Film: Son of Monte Cristo (1940, bw) starring Louis Hayward,

Joan Bennett and George Sanders. Passable minor swashbuckler directed by Rowland V. Lee (60708294)

12.30 The Invisible World. A National Geographic film capturing worlds

that cannot be perceived by the human eye (r) (7986316) Brum (r) (24634774) 1.30 The Adventures of Spot (r) (21671478) 1.35 in the Post. A look at some of the world's greatest stamp collections (r) (22944251)

2.00 News and weather (30035584) followed by Weekend Outlook

Open University programmes preview (30034855) 2.10 Made by Hand. The skills of the ornamental metalworker (r) (23778229) 2.25 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (233132) 4.00 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) (9489126) 4.10 New Lassie (r) (2825519) 4.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties.

4.50 Newsround (3085478) 5.00 Gentle Ben. A baby elephant is ill treated by its cruel owner (r). (Ceefax) (5497)

5.30 Top Gear (r) (590) 6.00 Thunderbirds. (Ceefax) (323687)

6.50 Dr Who. The final episode if the sci-fi adventure The Sea Devils, starring Jon Pertwee (r). (Ceefax) (712671)

7.15 100 Per Cent. Last in the teenage magazine s investigation into child sexual abuse (s) (164836)

8.00 Nature: Close Encounters of the European Kind. CHOICE: Continuing his trenchant series on green issues and the European Community, Julian Pettifer submits his country cottage to a check for energy efficiency. It is leaking heat like a sieve. So, to a greater or lesser extent, are many other homes in Britain. Despite government pleas, few of us have done much to tackle energy loss. it is not just a matter of lower fuel bills. A study in Newcastle upon Tyne suggests that most carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas that leads to global warming, comes not from factories or cars but the home. The British record is contrasted with that of Denmark, where legislation has compelled householders to be more energy conscious. The Danish measures have been incorporated in an EC conscious. The Danish measures have been incorporated in an ex-initiative called Save, which includes energy labelling for homes and household appliances. (Ceefax) (4381) 8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton visits a garden in Tenbury Wells boasting unusual floral colour combinations (6316)

9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV. More cornedy sketches, songs and monolgues from Miss Wood's 1986 series (r) (4316)



The Andy Warhol of Barcelona: Javier Mariscal (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: A Spanish Odyssey — a Portrait of Javier Mariscal.
© CHOICE: "What interests me", declares Javier Mariscal, "is making startling images which break fixed rules." Dubbed the Andy Warhol of Barcelona, Mariscal has carried through this precept in warnot or Barcesona, Manscar has carried through this precept in comic strips, posters, television animations and eccentric furniture. In Barcelona he helped to design a seafront restaurant modelled on a luxury liner with a giant prawn on the roof. The iconoclast has now gained respectability as the official designer for the 1992 Olympics. The accolade shows no sign of cramping his intervenent style. Holly Aylett's film attempts the difficult task of trying to pin down an extent searchalling that hereafs out in all directions and is impossible to artistic sensibility that breaks out in all directions and is impossible categorise. If the result is sometimes arbitrary and shapeless, that is a fair summary of the subject (54841)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (710107) 11.25 Weather (324294) 11.30 Golf. The second round of the US Masters from Augusta (972861). Ends at 1.10am ITV

6.00 TV-am (8078584) 9.25 Election '92 introduced by Jon Snow. Reporters and camera crews bring live coverage of the remaining declarations and the views of the party leaders; Alastair Stewart has the detailed results; John Suchet keeps in touch with the state of the parties with the aid of graphic displays, and Julia Somerville, with the help of ITN's exit poll, explains why the public voted in the way they did (46902836)

3.20 Thames News headlines (6075359) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in a large Australian City hospital (1265039)

3.55 Talespin. Cartoon adventures (s) (5541923) 4.20 Cartoon featuring Foghorn Leghorn (r) (9569316) 4.30 Spatz. Children's ma set in a fast-food restaurant (836)

5.00 Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Oracle) (2923) 5.30 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (316) 6.00 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough. The guests include Paul Nicholas as he prepares for a special 20th anniversary celebration of the musical Jesus Christ Superstar. There is also a live report from Paris by Matthew Kelly and Par Sharp previewing tomorrow's coverage of the official opening of EuroDisney (896949) 6.55 The Day Twenty-four important hours in the life of an ordinary member of the public (247942)

7.00 The Help Squad. Michael Parkinson and his team of Annabel Giles. Chris Donat and Jan Rowland, come to the rescue of viewers in trouble (5687)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (565) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black springs unexpected emotional moments on viewers and a member of the studio audience. (Oracle)



Beating a Yorkshire retreat: Cusack and Berry (9.00pm)

9.00 Heartbeat.

© CHOICE: Yet another police series opens with young constable Nick (Nick Berry) moving from the smoke to the North York Moors with his doctor wife (Niahm Cusack) and finding the natives not exactly pleased to see them. We are in 1964, which is the cue for a joke about Christine Keeler and a discreet trawl of the contemporary pop charts. The mood of the series is close to the result populative of another Yorkships frame. All Constant was Great and rough geniality of another Yorkshire drama, All Creatures Great and Small. There might be a prowler on the loose, and a motor bike gang threatening to smash up the village dance, but decency and good sense is always likely to prevail. Derek Fowlds shines as Nick's gruff sergeant and Bill Maynard supplies an agreeable comic touch as the neighbourhood eccentric. It seems just the show for those fed up with car chases and designer thuggery. (Oracle) (s) (7565)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (475497) 10.45 LWT News and weather (916039)

10.50 The London Programme: Election '92 — the Capital Decides.

Trevor Phillips reviews the general election results in London and the

South-east (172403)
11.45 Dial Midnight. Phone-in dating service with a resident psychic Presented by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman (376316)

1.20 The James Whale Radio Show. The acerbic chat show hosts intimidates another collection of phoners-in (s) (6649817)

2.25 American Gladiators. Competitions designed to test strength and

ingenuity (3716879) 3.25 CinemAttractions. The latest news from the movie scene in the United States, introduced by Charlie Tuna (67354968)

3.55 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (8896614)
4.45 The American Match. Action from the London Monarchs's first away game of the season — against Barcelona Dragons (515695) 5.45 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars (5542459). Ends at 6.00 CHANNEL4

9.25 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage comedy about a ghoulish (am.y, starting Fred Gwynne and Butch Patrick (**) (4609-652) 6.00 Election '92 (8076126)

9.55 Road to Avonlea. Episode three of the 13-part children's grams serial (r) (5875045) 10.50 Powers of Ten Charles and Ray Earnes : animated documentary about maths and physics (27) 7774. 11.00 Kurdistan to Green Lanes. The story of Ali Ylderum, a hard now

living in north-east London (r) (6720) 11.30 Get Smart Secret agent spoof starring Don Adams (17.29) 12.00 Noah's Ark. The fight to save South America's smallest wire came

(r). (Teletext) (78010) 12.30 Business Daily (30233) 1.00 Sesame Street (1: (80738) 2.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy starring Lucite Ball with guest

Tennessee Ernie Ford (9213)
2.30 Film: Only Yesterday (1933, bow) starring Margaret Sullavan, in her debut role, and John Boles. Stoday romantic drama about a woman who becomes pregnant by a man who goes to fight in the first world war. On his return their paths cross again when he is an unsuccessful stockbroker on the verge of suicide. Directed by John

6.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (478) 5.00 Cutting Edge: Coppers. East London's Hackney police force in action (r) (2300)

6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy. (Teletext) (671) **6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross.** Guests include Paul Merton (923) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Figna Murch. (Teleter)

Weather (226251) 7.50 First Reaction (281671) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (5749)



Still treading the boards: artiste Carla McDonough (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: Old Pros' Paradise CHOICE: At Brinsworth House, a home for retired variety artists in Twickenham, they are putting on a Christmas show. The star turn will be Carla McDonough, a peroxide blonde who in her heyday performed fan dances, striptease, the splits and something called all-round acrobatic contortionism. This time she will only sing but it is 12 years since her last public performance and the nerves are taut. McDonough is one of the younger residents of a home where the average age is 84. Laurie Wiseman's affectionate film, by turns and and funny, is a study of growing old in a profession that seems to be a particularly long-lived. No one wants to call it a day but there comes a time when the flesh is no longer willing and there are only memories to fall back, on, stirred by yellowing photographs and

rariety bills from 50 and 60 years ago (858-1) 9.00 Cheers. Award-winning comedy series set in the Boston watering hole. (Teletext) (s) (6584)

9.30 Flowering Passions. Anna Pavord meets Peggy Cole, a successful grower of container plants (r). (Teletext) (97687) 10.00 Roseanne. Rose and Dan enter into the spirit of Hallowe'en by trying to frighten their obnoxious reighbour. (Teletext) (s) (36039) 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Ad-lib comedy (68687)

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11.00 The Messiah — Hallelujah Video. Pop promo-style hype by the Hallelujah Chorus for the live performance of the Messiah in Dublin on Monday. With the orchestra and chorus of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields, conducted by Sir Neville Marriner (448213)

11.05 Hysteria III. Stephen Fry hosts an Aids charity music and comedy show at the London Palladium. Among those appearing are Rowan Atkinson, French and Saunders and Hugh Laurie (r) (s) (934836)

1.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (36546). Ends at 1.30

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 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 5.00am Showcase (8851316)
 10.00 The Detective Kild (1989); A teenager turns sleuth (35861) 12.00 Evil Under the Sam (1981), Peter Ustanov stars as Hercule Poirot (60132)

Paono falls for prime martier suspect ether Bark in (942720)

12.00 The Cook The Thief His Wife and Her Luver (1989) Peter Greenaway's sumal melodrama (45551898) and (1980) Western adventue (721343)

3.50 Homer and Eddle (1989); Road move staming James Belush and Wingory Goldberg (765508). Ends at 5.30

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SKY SPORTS

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THE Bibroriant III (1990): George C. Scott investigates a series of socilegous murders (221749)

11.59 Shocker (1989): A prisoner returns to haunt his executioners (991381)

1.50am Rush Week (1988): Thriffer set on a college campus (998492)

3.50 Hellraisser (1987): Horror film (757966). Ends at 5.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

• Via the Astra and Maruppolo satellites.

6.15am The Lodger (1944, bM/) Victonan thrifler (13338768)

8.00 Space Fireblard (1985): Inter-galactic cartoon (11373774)

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4.00 Space Fireblard (1858): Biblical spic saming Charlton Heston (90191749)

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6.15 Immediate Femily (1985): An Interdiscouple hopes to adopt a baby (339565)

8.15 Fusary About Love (1990): Romaintic cornedy starring Gene Wider (49469961)

10.05 Sea of Love (1998): Roberman Al Paono (alls for prime murtler suspect Ellen Barkin (942720)

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(22942) 10,30 The Great American
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Meya Hiss 6.30 News 192.7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 9.00 Friday Rock Show 11.00
John Peel 2.00-4.00em Lynn Parsons (FM only)

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World Service: Newshour 6.30 Danny Baker's Morring Edition 9.35 School: Geography Resources; 9.55 English Study Texts: 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pms House of Siars 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 to 1.30 BPS Wordshold 2.30 World Service: Global Concerns; 2.45 International Monry Programme 3.00 Racing from Newbury: Galtsborough Fred Darling Stakes 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Asde 7.15 I Can Jump Puddles 7.30 Stage 5 6.00 Multitrach 1 8.30 Vibe-Line: 0345 909693 9.30 Bulli 10.10 Rave, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10mm News; Sport

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Walton (Crown Imperial); Vivaldi (Concerto in A minor, L'Estra Armonico); Arriaga (Overture, Los esclavos felices)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert: Bax
(Tintagel); Jongen (Concert à
cinq); Bourgeois (Serenade);
Bemstein (Prelude, Fugue and
Riffs) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Richard Strauss and the Third
Reich. Oboe Concerto;
Menuett, Symphony for wind
instruments; Metamorphosen
9.35 Morning Sequence: A tribute
to the bandleader Harry
Mortumer, who died in
January. Berlioz (The Royal
Hunt and Storm, The Trojans:
Halfe Orchestra under Harty);
Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a
theme of Paganint:
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Rachmaninov (Rhapsody ori a theme of Paganini: Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski, with Sergei Rachmannov, piano); Philip Wilby (Shadow-Songs, In Memoriam HM: Besses or th Barn Band under the composer); Mozart (Quartet in B flat, K 589; Brindisi Quartet); Bustain fin musets Pagnila Puccini (In questa Reggia, Turandot: Orchestra under

Robinson, with Eva Turner, soprano); Ireland (A Downland Suite: Foden's Motor Works Band under Fred Mortimer); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 In C. Op 105: RPO under Beecham) 11.30 BBC Welsh Symptiony
Orchestra under Barry
Wordsworth performs Ravel
(Ballet, Mother Goose); Arthur
Bits (Cello Concerto: Raphael
Wallfisch); Prokofiev
(Cinderella, Suite No 2, Op

108) 1.00pm News 1.05 Mozart and Shostakovich: Hagen Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in F, K 590); Shostal ovich (Quartet No 14 Shostatorich (Quartet No 14 in F sharp, Op 142)
2.05 Opera News (r)
2.50 Mining the Archive: lanet Gaker. A recital in celebration of the English mezzo-soprano, drawing on recordings from 1961 and 1965. Dowland (Come again sweet love)

(Come again sweet love); Caldara (Sebben Crudele) Scarlatti (Qual farfalletta Rimprovero); Schubert (Gretchen am Spinnrade; Minnelied; Die abgeblüht

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Linde; Das Lied im Grünen; Die Götter Griechenlands; An die Laute; Nacht und Träume); Strauss (Die Nacht; Memem Kinde; Befreit); Schoenberg (Traumleben, Op 6 No 8; Ich darf nicht dankend, Op 14 No 1; Sommermod, Op 14 No 1; Sommermod, Op 48; Tot, Op 48; Mädchenlied, Op 48); Dunhill (The Clottis of Heaven); Trad, arr Ireland (The Three Ravens); Trad, arr Britten (O Waly Waly; The Sally Gardens); Trad, arr Burleigh (Were you there? with Desmond Dupré, lute, Charles Spinks, harpsichord, and Ernest Lush, Geoffrey Parsons and Paul Hamburger, pianos)

4.45 Hayden: BBC Scottish SO under Sanderling performs Symphony No 39 in G minor (r)

5.00 Mainty for Pleasure
6.30 Phandom Navigations: The second of three programmes about Weather Report, the jazz-rock ensemble, looks at the mid-1970; 7.00 News

the mid-1970s 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear, The architect Nicholas Grimshaw talks to Nicholas Grimshaw talks to Hugh Pearman
7.30 Krystian Zimerman: The pianist plays Chopin (Ballade No 2 in F, Op 36; Waltz in A flat, Op 34 No 1)
7.45 Ermione: Live from the Queen Eizabeth Hall, London. The New Company Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mark Elder performs Act 1 of Rossni's two-act opera to a libretto by Andrea Leone

a libretto by Andrea Leone Tottola. Sung in Italian, With Anna Caterina Antonacci. soprano, as Emicone. 9.05 Rossini and Naples. Nicholas TIII examines Rossini's creative relationship with the Teatro San Carlo, 9,25 Act 2 10,20 The Crane: Brenda

Townsend's haunting play tells the story of a Japanese peasant who rescues a wounded crame. The following year, he meets and marries a beautiful girl. With Nigel Carrington and Victoria Carling, Narrated by John Moffatt

10.45 The Stations of the Cross: Simon Wright plays Marcel
Dupre's symphonic poem on
the organ of Ampleforth
Abbey 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Week: Haydn (r) TYNE TEES

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 Today, ind 6.03 Weather 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 Meens

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Hampshire community of
Bentley
10.00-10.30 News; Carry On Up
the Zeitgelst (FM only):
Beyond a loke. Edward Bishen
recalls the birth of Beyond the
Fringe at the Edinburgh
Festival in 1960 (4 of 6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only): Micah.
Anna Massey reads the first of
two selections from the
Authorised Version
10.30-1.00pm Election '92 (LW
only)

only) 10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only) looks at cycling in York, and women cartoonists. Incl 11.00 News.

11.30 The Natural History
Programme (FM only), with
Jessica Holm
12.00 You and Yours (FM only)
12.25pm The Food Programme
(FM only), presented by Derek
Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick
Clarka and Jerse Naveline

1.00 The World at One, with Nic Clarke and Jarnes Naughtie 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Classic Serial (FM only): Tess of the d'Urberville Second of a three-part dramatisation of Thomas Hardy's novel (s) (r) 2.00-5.00 Election '92 (LW only) 3.00 Special Assignment (FM only)

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4.00 News (FM only)
4.05 Kaleidosope (FM only): Includes a review of a new production of George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion at the National Theatre (s)

4.45 Short Story (FM only): The Little Heidelberg, by Isabel Allende. Read by Diana Quick 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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6.00 Skr O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin
presents the transport
magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.05 Pick of the Week (FM
only), with Chris Serie (s)
7.20 Women's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby is joined in Duffield,
Derbyshire, by Tony Benn, Sir
Norman Fowler, Des Wilson,
campaign organiser for the
Liberal Democrat party, and
Baroness Tessa Blackstone
8.50 Stop Press, with Geoffrey
Goodman
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Designing for
Millions?

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milions of pounds at issue here? Or are the milions the masses? Or (as seems likely), are they one and the same thing? The designer of the hand-painted shirts that sell for £235 says there is "no problem" about selling them. And the ice-blue jacket that sells for £368, plus £150 for the trousers, are "quite a bargain", apparently Small wonder reporter Tim Marlow asks why he should pay more than £400 for a designer blazer when he could buy

abts why he should pay more than £400 for a designer blazer when he could buy eight similar ones in the high street for the same money (r)

9.45 Letter from America by Alistar Cooke

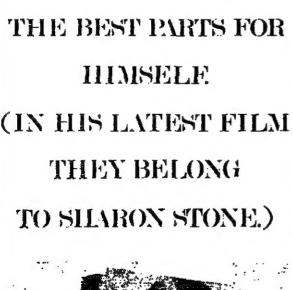
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love Is Blue, by Joan Wyndham, Read by Prunella Scales (9 of 10)

11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, Sally Grace, David Tate and Alistair McGowan (s)

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11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Cutler the Lax: Humonst wor Cutler delves into the archives (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
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